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Cash reward reaches \$50,000



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The reward money just got bigger, with Bridge Capital, LLC chipping in an additional \$16,500 to the pot yesterday to bring the total cash reward to \$50,000 for information on the whereabouts of missing sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk.

» **Bridge Capital LLC puts up \$16,500 reward**
» **Only few more locations left for Pohaku to search**

Richard A. Pipes, vice president and chief legal officer of Bridge Capital LLC, announces a \$16,500 cash reward for information leading to the recovery of Faloma and Maleina Luhk. The cash reward now totals \$50,000.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

This came even as tracking dog Pohaku put in a full-day search yesterday—from 7am to 3pm—but still failed to find the girls.

Richard A. Pipes, vice president and chief legal officer for Bridge Capital LLC,

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TIMELINE OF EVENTS

The disappearance of Faloma and Maleina Luhk will mark its fourth week tomorrow, Wednesday. Here is a look at the timeline:

May 25, 6:10am: Sisters Faloma and Maleina Luhk are reportedly last seen by witnesses sitting on a drainage cement slab across a bus stop pavilion in As Teo.

May 25, 6:30am: 10-year-old Faloma and 9-year-old Maleina reportedly fail to get on a school bus on their way to Kagman Elementary School.

May 25, 5:30pm: Elbert B. Quitugua and wife, Jane, report to DPS that their granddaughters Faloma and Maleina are missing.

May 26: Jermain Quitugua, the girls' mother, arrives from Guam.

May 27: 70 local and federal law enforcers supported by over 90 civilian volunteers comb Saipan to search for the two girls.

May 28, 29: A helicopter from the U.S. Navy and a C-130 plane from the U.S. Air Force join the island-wide search.

May 30: FBI agents talk with Elbert, Jane, and Jermain Quitugua. Elbert said they cooperated with

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Faloma Luhk

Maleina Luhk



Buckingham

FITIAL ADMINISTRATION, ATTORNEY GENERAL:

Focus on OPA's questionable hiring, not 'fictitious charge' of retaliation

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Attorney General Edward Buckingham fired back at Public Auditor Michael Pai yesterday, saying it's his duty and responsibility as attorney general to ensure that public funds

are not wasted, and for the Office of the Public Auditor to comply with hiring rules.

Buckingham said his June 13 lawsuit against the public auditor over the questionable hiring of lawyers is not a way to get back at the latter over OPA's investigation into the attorney general's involvement in a

gathering for a delegate candidate in 2010.

The attorney general described Pai's statement to the media as a "red herring"—a rhetorical or literary tactic of diverting attention away from an item of significance.

"When a contract has a problem, we

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Local

DPL: IBB willing to negotiate a new lease

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The Department of Public Lands said the International Broadcasting Bureau "is very much interested in negotiating a new lease" with DPL for the same property it's been leasing.

Acting DPL secretary Pedro I. Itibus said this in a response letter to Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), who was following up on the status of the IBB lease.

Torres had said DPL has been losing out on IBB's low rental rate.

Back in February, the House passed a resolution requesting DPL to "officially investigate and rectify the flawed lease agreement" between DPL and IBB, and renegotiate the agreement "and seek back payment for previous years of rental at a lower than appraised rental value that IBB has been paying since the lease expired in 2006."

Itibus told Torres in a June 9 letter that representatives from the Broadcasting Board of Governors/U.S. IBB "presented their proposed additions/revisions of the first draft of the

lease agreement DPL provided to the BBG/IBB."

"They are still very much interested in negotiating a new lease with our department for the same property. The Department of Public Lands will ensure that all requirements are provided by BBG/IBB prior to executing the new lease," Itibus said.

Torres said yesterday he looks forward to seeing a new lease with higher rates signed between DPL and IBB.

The 25-year lease deal expired in 2006, but DPL said IBB at the time "reluctantly refused"

to renegotiate with DPL's predecessor, the Marianas Public Lands Authority.

As a result, IBB continues to pay DPL \$15,000 in annual lease rental even after the 25-year period expired in 2006.

DPL said the \$15,000 in annual lease rental was based on IBB's own appraisal and is the rate that IBB has been paying from 2005 to 2010.

House members had said DPL should renegotiate the agreement and seek back pay from since the lease expired in 2006.

Defense says investigator uncovered 'good evidence' in fraudulent driver's license case

The lawyer of a man accused of fraudulently obtaining a driver's license was given more time to prepare for trial, after telling the federal court that their investigator has uncovered some very good evidence that they will use at trial.

U.S. District Court for the NMI judge A. Wallace Tashima said that postponing the trial will give Wei Lin's counsel, Joseph James Norita Camacho, more time to prepare his defense.

Lin's original jury trial was

for July 11, 2011; Tashima moved this to Aug. 22, 2011.

Assistant U.S. attorney Kirk Schuler, as counsel for the U.S. government, did not object to the continuance.

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that the defense investigator has uncovered some very good evidence that they will present at the jury trial in August. He said the one-month extension will allow the defense to conclude its investigation.

The lawyer said this is a very

important case as it touches upon racial profiling.

Regardless of a person's race, a traffic officer cannot just stop someone on the road without probable cause, Camacho said.

He pointed out that Lin was not even cited for any traffic violation, yet the traffic officer confiscated his driver's license and ordered him to walk home.

"This is not Communist China. In the CNMI even Chinese people are guaranteed basic constitutional rights against un-

reasonable search and seizure," the lawyer said.

Lin is charged with two counts of document fraud and a count of false statements to a federal agent.

According to the indictment, Li allegedly paid a third-party to obtain the driver's license without meeting legal requirements. Lin also allegedly presented the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles with an affidavit falsely stating that he had lost his previous driver's license, when he knew that it had been seized by a police officer. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

New book *Pasefika* celebrates The Festival of Pacific Arts

Every four years since 1972, the Pacific's finest dancers, artisans, and cultural practitioners gather to celebrate Oceanic arts and culture. The Festival of Pacific Arts is an amazing two-week gathering of the best of the Pacific.

A new book on the Festival captures the color, excitement,

and energy that characterize an event that's been called the Olympics of Pacific culture. *Pasefika: The Festival of Pacific Arts* is by veteran regional journalist Floyd K. Takeuchi. It includes his 88 photographs and an essay focusing on the 10th Festival of Pacific Arts, which was held in American



An American Samoan liaison applies coconut oil to a dancer from Kiribati.

Samoa in 2008.

Pasefika includes photographs of performers from 23 of the nations and territories that took part in the 10th Festival. They range from Papua New Guinea and host American Samoa, to Tonga, Tokelau, Niue, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Palau, Guam, and Tahiti. The photographs include stage performances, behind-the-scenes shots of participants, portraits, fashion shows, and a dramatic Samoan fire knife dance competition.

"I wanted *Pasefika* to give a reader the sense of being at the Festival, up close and personal with the wonderfully talented performers. I roamed the various festival venues, spent time

with performers as they prepared to go on stage, and followed groups as they spent time in the American Samoan community," says Takeuchi. "The book presents an intimate view of some of the best dancers and performers in Oceania."

Pasefika: The Festival of Pacific Arts is available exclusively at online retailer Amazon.com. The 168-page soft cover book costs \$36.99.

Takeuchi is a journalist with 34 years of experience, most of it in the Pacific. He is also the author of *School On The Hill*, a photo book about Xavier High School in the Federated States of Micronesia, and co-author of *Majuro – Essays from an Atoll*. For more information, visit www.floydtakeuchi.com. (PR)

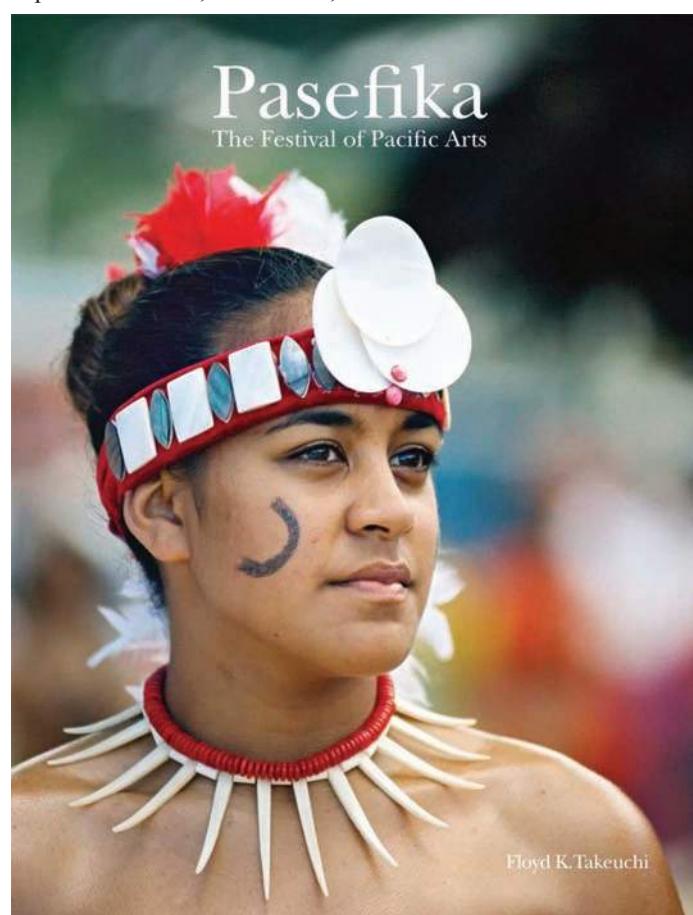


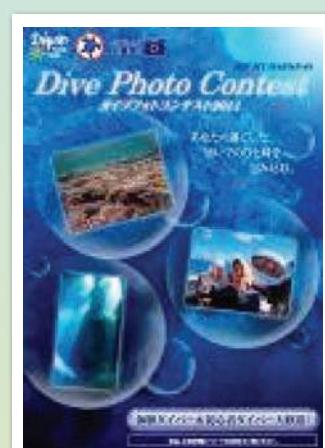
Photo shows the cover of *Pasefika: The Festival of Pacific Arts* by Floyd K. Takeuchi



A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

See My Marianas Dive Photo Contest

The **Marianas Visitors Authority** (MVA) and **Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association** have launched this year's edition of the **See My Marianas Dive Photo Contest**.



The contest encourages divers to submit their photos for prizes and to be featured in the annual dive calendar produced by the MVA and distributed as an international promotional tool.

Three thousand copies of the contest fliers have been produced and distributed to travel agents and

diving services in Japan. Another 1,000 copies are being distributed to divers in the Northern Marianas. The contest runs from May 1 to Aug. 31, 2011.

This is the third consecutive year for the contest. In prior years, the winning photos have been highlighted in **Marine Diving** magazine with details on popular dive spots in the Northern Marianas.

In April 2011, 20 percent of the 7,696 visitors to the Northern Marianas from Japan planned to dive during their visit. This figure was 2 percent higher than April 2010. During the same month, only four percent of visitors from China and 2 percent of visitors from Korea travelled to the islands to dive.



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'BizGrowth Challenge' seeks to help businesses grow, network

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Government agencies involved in the permitting process of new or existing businesses have been invited to take part in the BizGrowth Challenge Launch Symposium slated for tomorrow.

Rik Villegas, business owner, consultant, and instructor who spearheads the BizGrowth Challenge efforts, said that he has communicated with the Department of Commerce and the Zoning Office, among others, and requested their presence at the symposium.

"The idea behind this is that we want people to attend the symposium and, at the same time, have business owners renew their licenses since the different permitting agencies will be there," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

BizGrowth Challenge aims "to improve the local economy and quality of life in the CNMI by working collaboratively with organizations and experts to provide businesses with affordable resources to effectively achieve sustainable growth."

The Challenge will start off with the Launch Symposium on June 22 and 23 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center.

The first day, which is free of cost, will focus on assisting business owners to get business licenses, providing training for new businesses, and giving farmers the right trainings and tools through breakout sessions and discussions.

The second day will give an overview of the BizGrowth Challenge and help improve existing businesses through different personalized hands-on

activities and training sessions.

The full-day session costs \$97, which allows for any business to join the Challenge and send two company representatives to attend the training sessions covering several topics of interest. Additional employees can sign up for just \$10 each.

Villegas noted that benefits to be received by companies that will take part in the Challenge—including the symposium, a strategic growth plan, customer service skills, online resource directory, mastermind teams, barter and outsourcing networks, publicity, prizes and recognition—are valued at over \$1,800, which is more than what they will pay.

"There will probably be more benefits added as the Challenge progresses," added Villegas.

According to him, the BizGrowth Challenge involves six dimensions: innovation and growth, marketing strength, professional development, operational capability, stakeholder relationships, and financial improvement.

Villegas said that each dimension will be dealt with for two weeks, and participating businesses will be evaluated after every dimension.

"The goal is to transform these businesses, help them improve, and achieve sustainable growth. There is hope," he emphasized.

Villegas also noted that companies that do not make it to the launch can still join the BizGrowth Challenge.

"We need the participation of the business community to make things happen," he said.

For more information, contact Villegas at 321-7458 or email RikVillegas@gmail.com.

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Fund approves ex-Speaker's re-employment with govt

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The NMI Retirement Fund has approved the re-employment of former House speaker Arnold I. Palacios with the Commonwealth government, at the request of Gov. Benigno R. Fitial.

In a special meeting Friday, board of trustees legal counsel Viola Alepuyo explained that under the law, a person who retires from government service is barred from being re-employed with the government unless that person is specifically exempted by the governor. At the same time, the re-employment would only take effect if concurred by the Fund.

Board chair Sixto Igisomar disclosed that the board had received a letter from Fitial, asking board members to concur with his decision to re-employ Palacios.

The former House speaker was recently named director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife under the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

The board's decision to approve Palacios' re-employment would mean that during his re-employment period, he will only get a salary for his service and no recalculations would be made on his retirement pension.



Palacios

According to Alepuyo, Palacios would also go back to being a defined benefit plan member, where he is required to pay his employee contribution and the government will pay for his employer's contribution.

Alepuyo pointed out that Palacios' case is for re-employment, not double-dipping.

Igisomar said their decision is also a way to formalize Fund policy. He disclosed that the Fund had received requests and inquiries from retirees asking if they are allowed for a recalculations of pension benefits upon re-em-

ployment.

"We have some issues in the past where we have retirees who are questioning if they are actually allowed recalculations of retirement pension. They're trying to track back to get some benefits from the Fund. So this is a way of formalizing that," he said.

The provisions for the re-employment of retirees and permissible double dipping are codified in 1 CMC 8392.

Fund deputy administrator Esther Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that proper compliance with re-employment and double dipping is a priority issue for the Fund and consistent review ensures that retirees receive the correct pension benefits.

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Life in Motion

'Return power to administer personnel policies to CSC'

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Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofsneider (R-Tinian) wants the governor's power to administer personnel policies moved back to the Civil Service Commission to restore a non-partisan and independent civil service system that Article 20 of the CNMI Constitution requires.

Hofsneider's Senate Bill 17-62 seeks to repeal Section 3 of Public Law 13-1 and repeal the Civil Service Act. It simply seeks to return the Office of Personnel Management to the control

of the Civil Service Commission for administrative efficiency.

"The bill will put the civil service where it belongs," the senator said in a brief interview.

The bill is expected to be acted on by the Senate during its rescheduled session, to be held on Thursday on Tinian.

In its findings, the bill says the exemptions from the Civil Service System "are being abused and civil service employees are being hired as excepted service employees, circumventing position requirements and salary limits."

It also says that the Civil Service Act has not been amended to reflect the

changes required by Amendment 41 to the NMI Constitution.

The Civil Service Commission will be composed of seven members to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Under Hofsneider's bill, the six members shall serve a term of six years, staggered in such manner that the term of one member expires each year, and one member shall serve a term of four years expiring concurrently with the term of the governor.

It also ensures that the removal of a member from the commission will be subject to judicial review.

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said in a news briefing that they hope this increased reward will lead to new information coming forward—perhaps giving more people a bigger incentive to discuss the case with the FBI and the police.

Pipes said he and Bridge Capital chair John K. Baldwin have been talking about the missing girls' case for several weeks now.

"We decided that this is the time for us to jump in and see if there is any we can do to help," Pipes said.

Even though currently in Asia, Baldwin has been closely following news reports of the missing sisters for the past weeks, Pipes said, and hopes that increasing the reward amount may cause new information to be developed, leading to the safe return of the girls.

What is most disconcerting about this incident, Pipes said, is that someone on the island knows something about this abduction—whether somebody saw a car leaving the scene or saw some suspicious activity at a house or maybe one of the accomplices. In his opinion, there is probably more than one perpetrator.

"These people may have a small involvement in the crime. I think that this reward can be set up so that even accomplices can take advantage of the reward," he said.

Pipes urged anyone having information to come forward and provide tips to authorities. "I want to emphasize we want the safe return of the girls. That's what this is all about," he said.

In a statement, Baldwin stated that it is hard to believe that the islands like the CNMI, which are so rich in natural beauty and culture, at times experience these types of problems normally associated with much more populated areas.

"However, there must be someone out there that knows something about how these girls disappeared and I am hoping that by increasing the reward fund, it will spur that person or persons to come forward and contact the [Department of Public Safety] or the FBI. I reach out with all my heart to the family of the missing girls as we all pray for their safe return," Baldwin said.

Bridge Capital, LLC is an international investment banking and asset management company focusing on the United States, Micronesia, and Asia.

The other cash rewards were earlier offered by the FBI (\$10,000), Pacific Amusement Inc. (\$10,000), Elbert Quitugua's family and an anonymous donor (\$10,000), the NMI Crime Stoppers Program (\$1,000), IT&E (\$1,000), Sorenson Media Group (\$1,000), and Rabby Syed's Saipan City Association (\$500).

FBI special agent Tom Simon told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they are impressed with the outpouring of sup-

port from Saipan's business community in this troubling case. He hopes that the enhanced reward will generate tips that will help solve the mystery.

Few areas left to search

Simon said that they are getting down to only a few more locations that Po-haku need to search.

Although there has been no recovery of the Luhk sisters yet, Simon said they don't regard this as "necessarily a bad thing" because they were able to eliminate huge parts of the island that they knew would have contained the girls.

As for the man with a distinctive facial birthmark that the FBI is seeking, Simon said they have a couple of last-minute individuals to speak to and photograph.

"The last few that we spoke today deny being in the As Teo neighborhood on May 6 and deny having any information regarding the girls' disappearance," he said.

Now that they have photographed all of the individuals with significant birthmarks, Simon said they intend to review those photographs with the witness who spoke to the "birthmark man."

Simon, who is the FBI Honolulu media relations coordinator, is expected to hold his last news briefing on Saipan today, Tuesday, as he is going back to Hawaii. Simon has been providing daily updates of the search operations to the media since he arrived on Saipan a couple of weeks ago.

FOCUS

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routinely write the agency and advise [them] of problems. The problems are routinely addressed. In this instance, not only were the problems not addressed [by OPA] but significant legal issues relating to the duty and authority of the attorney general [were raised]," Buckingham said in an interview at his office on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon.

For his part, press secretary Angel Demapan said that, given the facts the attorney general laid out regarding OPA's hiring of lawyers, the Fitial administration hopes that "the public attention will focus on the real matter at hand and not the diversion of a fictitious charge of retaliation."

"But our concern is we have a watch-dog agency [which] now has red flags on the way they do business. [When] we talk about public office and public trust, the Office of the Public Auditor is no exemption, and so we ask that the fictitious charges of retaliation not be the focal point of this development

but the real matters at hand," Demapan said in an interview also at Buckingham's office yesterday afternoon.

He added that the Fitial administration trusts that the OAG will carry out its duties and responsibilities.

Since the filing of the lawsuit, Buckingham and Pai have never communicated with each other.

Pair earlier described Buckingham's complaint as "the latest of what appears to be a series of attempts by the AG to disrupt OPA's access to legal counsel and to challenge its autonomy."

Buckingham's lawsuit was over OPA's hiring of two lawyers.

One of the lawyers, Joseph John Przyuski, was the lead OPA investigator in the complaints filed against Buckingham's campaign-related activities in 2010. That gathering was held at Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's house in Gualo Rai in August 2010.

Lawsuit could have been avoided

Buckingham said the lawsuit could have been avoided had OPA addressed the Office of the Attorney General's Office concerns about the contracts for

two of OPA's lawyers: Brian McMahon and Przyuski.

But Buckingham said he's always open to a dialogue.

When asked whether it would be better to address these concerns between OPA and OAG outside the court, Buckingham said he agrees this is a better way to do business.

But he said he won't be silent about public statements and accusations made about him.

"I am saying I reject the claims that were made by Mr. Pai. I stand behind every statement I made and I have facts to back me up," he said.

Pai had said that in January and February 2011, the AG made inquiries with the CNMI Bar Association and the CNMI Supreme Court "seeking unsuccessfully to find that Joe Przyuski was not a bar member in good standing."

The CNMI Bar Association's website lists Przyuski as an "active member." The list is available at <http://www.cnmibar.net/members.asp>.

Buckingham said that on Jan. 18, CNMI Bar Association director Suzanne M. Steffy told OAG investiga-

Argument over tattoo leads to alleged domestic violence

A man allegedly beat up his wife during an argument Saturday morning at their house in Koblerville.

Benacio Ngiraois Aguon, 36, was arrested for assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$1,250 cash. He was set to make an initial court appearance yesterday afternoon.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that a patrol officer

responded to Koblerville on Saturday at 6:57am after receiving about a disturbance call.

Pangelinan said their investigation showed that Aguon had tried to leave as he wanted to go get a tattoo but his wife refused to give him the car keys.

Aguon got mad and allegedly slapped her twice, causing her to fall to the floor. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

manager Tina B. Palacios puts up \$1,000 cash reward.

June 9: Garbage collectors tell *Saipan Tribune* they did not see the sisters at the bus stop in As Teo on May 25, but disclosed that they twice spotted a pickup truck in the area just days before the girls' disappearance. Rabby Syed's Saipan Taxi Association puts up \$500 cash reward, bringing total cash reward to \$13,500.

June 13: FBI, DPS teams end search at the landfill with no evidence or clues found.

June 14: FBI discloses that they were able to reach Ruhtik Luhk in Pohnpei, and is convinced that the girls are not there and that he is not responsible for their disappearance. Pacific Amusement Inc. offers \$10,000 cash reward, bringing total cash reward to \$23,500.

June 15: FBI and DPS seeks the public's help on a potential lead in the girls' disappearance—a man who has a distinctive birthmark on the right cheek. Elbert Quitugua discloses that the family and an anonymous donor are offering \$10,000 cash reward, bringing total cash reward to \$33,500.

June 16: Hawaii's State Civil Defense's tracking expert dog, Po-haku, begins searching for the girls.

June 20: Bridge Capital, LLC, through its chairman, John K. Baldwin, adds \$16,500 to the pot, bringing cash reward to a total of \$50,000. (*Ferdie De La Torre*)

Source: *Saipan Tribune* archives

to Honolulu, Hawaii on Sept. 16, 2010. That cost the CNMI government \$1,579.

Buckingham said "repatriation" is paid by the CNMI government once an individual's contract is done or not renewed, and that person is not coming back or is not just going on vacation.

He said he checked with U.S. immigration, and there was no re-entry record.

"How do these come together? Very easy to explain—it's called not true," Buckingham said.

He said it was not him who went to the Supreme Court to inquire about Przyuski.

He showed a Feb. 8, 2011 email titled "Seeking information re: J. Przyuski" from Supreme Court clerk and legal counsel Jennifer Dockter.

"The Supreme Court came to me," Buckingham said.

He then responded and gave some information.

Later on, Dockter told Buckingham that "any pending investigation undertaken by the OAG cannot be discussed with any justices of the Supreme Court at this time."

Fund names new money managers

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The NMI Retirement Fund has made a final selection of new money managers during a special meeting Friday on Capital Hill.

The board chose BNY Mellon of San Francisco, California—a merger of Bank of New York and Mellon Capital—as a passive/index manager for the following index fund allocations: U.S. equities, Russell 1000 Index; non-U.S. equities, MSCI ACWI (excluding U.S.) index; and for the short-term bond index.

Franklin International Small

Torres wants NMC to host Pacific education summit

Northern Marianas College must host an educational conference for the Pacific next year or in the near future to put the institution on the map and be recognized internationally.

Regent William Torres proposed this to the Board of Regents on Friday, saying this will be a great opportunity for NMC to recruit international enrollees as well.

"I hope the board will consider this idea to have a regional higher education symposium here next year or in the future because it would be good for NMC. At the same time, we can also invite folks from throughout Asia and the Pacific to participate, which will become a promotional event for the college. We need to put NMC on the map and we should try not to depend on local recruitment," said Torres

Cap, which manages \$587 million of assets in a product line the Fund wants to invest in, was selected to manage its non-U.S. equities-small cap allocation.

The Fund selected Cohen & Steers Capital Management to manage its global real estate securities. The Fund's benchmark for this allocation is approximately 40 percent U.S. property companies, 40 percent Asian property companies, and 20 percent European property companies.

PIMCO, or Pacific Investment Management Co., founded in Newport Beach, Calif., and later acquired by a Ger-

man-headquartered global financial services company, Allianz, was selected to manage U.S. intermediate bonds-core plus and multi-asset inflation hedge. The multi-asset inflation hedge assets include such things as commodities futures/swaps, inflation linked bonds, stocks of natural resources companies, and resource-related new technology such as renewable energy companies. PIMCO's commodity real return fund currently has about \$21 billion of assets under management.

Pictet Asset Management, Ltd. was chosen to manage the Fund's investments in emerging

during Friday's special board meeting.

Torres also recommended that NMC start establishing regional affiliations in terms of accreditation; he said this was highly recommended by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

These, and other college issues—including a suggestion to hold regular public outreach programs for the board—were taken up during the meeting held Friday noon but the board held off making any decisions on these items.

Saipan Tribune learned that Torres on June 9 emailed regents a list of ideas that he said would help the college "regain its glory." He also criticized regents for showing "too much reaction" instead of taking a "proactive" stance in dealing with college issues and situations.

In the same meeting, Torres questioned the yet-to-be completed performance evaluation of the interim president. "We did approve the evaluation instrument but the actual evaluation is not taking place? Based on our policy, the written evaluation should be done May or June of each year," he told colleagues.

Board chair Juan Lizama, for his part, said the board must rectify the regents' practice of holding long executive sessions without telling public attendees of when the public meeting will resume.

"That has been the criticism of this board," said Lizama, admitting that he also doesn't like people speaking during the public comment section and expecting immediate action from the regents. (Moneth Deposa)

with \$1.4 billion of assets; and Lighthouse Investment Partners, a subsidiary of HFA Holdings, an Australian financial services company, publicly traded in Australia.

These new money managers will implement the "moderate-alternative" strategy recommended by Wilshire and Associates, the Fund's investment consultant, for the Fund's new asset allocation model.

According to the Fund, the revised asset allocation model tilts the overall investment strategy toward the preservation of capital rather than growth of assets.

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BANK OF GUAM,	[]	[]	[]	Civil Action
	[]	[]	[]	No. 09-0466-CV
vs.	[]	[]	[]	
RICARDO R.	[]	[]	[]	
DADO and	[]	[]	[]	
DELIA S. DADO,	[]	[]	[]	
Defendants.	[]	[]	[]	

AMENDED NOTICE OF AUCTION / JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 12th day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **7th day of July, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Two-day bilingual confab kicks off today on Tinian

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REPORTER

The 30th International Pacific Islands Bilingual/Bicultural Association Conference is scheduled to officially begin today at the Kammer Beach Main Pavilion on Tinian.

PIBBA chair Diana Borja said the conference, which will run until Thursday, will begin with a short traditional ceremony at the nearby Taga House.

"We will then proceed to the main pavilion for the conference proper," Borja said in a phone interview.

Some 200 individuals who have confirmed participation via email are expected to register for the three-day conference. Registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$5 for students. These participants, Borja said, will be flying in from Saipan, Rota, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Pohnpei.

The theme for the conference is "The Challenges of Economic Realities in the Pacific: Fuetsan I Lingguahi Yan Kuttura."

Formally organized on January 1980, PIBBA aims to advocate for the promotion of bilingual education and to promote unity among the Pacific Islands in matters relating to bilingualism. It seeks to serve as a forum for the Pacific community to share research findings, data, and strategies in teaching indigenous languages in the classroom.

Last May 25, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos proclaimed the month of June as PIBBA Month.

"This will be the first ever PIBBA conference to be held on

\$409K grant OK'd for HPO

The U.S. Department of the Interior has approved a \$409,784 grant for the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation Office for its operation and personnel cost this fiscal year.

DOI's American Samoa and Micronesia program manager Paula Falk Creech confirmed the grant's award in a letter to Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao yesterday.

"The HPO fund grant shall be available to the CNMI-HPO for expenditure during the 24-month grant period specified in the grant agreement from Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2012," Creech told Faisao in the letter, adding that any changes to the budget must be approved in advance by the National Parks Service.

Creech said that the funding—which shall be obligated for salary and operational costs such as electricity, telephone, and water—may also be used for contractual commitments such as projects that must have prior National Park Service approval.

"The approval of the HPF FY 11 grant is contingent upon

Tinian in 30 years," Borja told *Saipan Tribune*.

Borja said the conference will help the younger generation learn more about their language and culture.

According to Borja, most of the younger members of the community can understand but cannot communicate using their native tongue.

"There are a lot of our kids who are picking up on other cultures. A lot of local customs are disappearing. What's the point of being a Chamorro or Carolinian? It should not be that way. It's so sad, really," she said.

Borja said Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz will deliver today his opening remarks followed by the reading by a Tinian resident attending classes at the University of Guam of the Senate resolution honoring PIBBA.

Dr. Johnny Salas of the University of Guam will serve as the keynote speaker.

Borja said Tuesday's opening will also feature breakout sessions in the afternoon. The next day will be highlighted by presentations and a panel discussion from panelists in various fields, including the Public School System Heritage Program, the dictionary revision and the herbal medicine making projects.

On Thursday, the last day of the conference, Borja said there will be a review of the key points during the first and second day of the conference, followed by a meeting wherein they will decide and hand over the key to the next venue for the conference.

Failure to submit the required documents to the NPS in a timely, complete, or accurate manner may result in NPS withdrawing full or partial grant funding.

The Historic Preservation Offices of the Pacific area territories and the Freely Associated States are annually appropriated Historic Preservation Fund grants for protection and preservation of National Register eligible historic properties and National Historical Landmarks. Financial assistance extended to the CNMI and the other territories does not require a matching share.

Starting fiscal year 2012, the administration plans to transfer the administration of HPO to the Indigenous Affairs Office, along with the Arts Council and the Policy Language Commission. All three are currently under DCCA. (*Moneth Deposa*)

ADVERTISING FEATURE

Brabu Pharmacy looks out for Saipan's total wellbeing

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REPORTER

Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, a relatively new and up-and-coming pharmacy on Saipan, is celebrating two years of ministering to the total wellbeing of island residents.

It was June 18, 2009, when owner and manager Theodore R. Parker, a registered pharmacist who was employed at another retail pharmacy, established his own company to promote the concept of total wellness.

Brabu's mission involves enhancing individual health and a positive sense of self through programs that provide opportunities for personal growth, improved health and livelihoods, and living conditions while preserving and restoring the island's green spaces and surrounding environment that sustains the sense of wellbeing.

What he enjoys most in his profession is that he is able to "build and create things that would benefit the community."

"It's something I enjoy doing," Parker told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at their location at Akari Building in Gualo Rai.

Parker graduated with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Illinois in 1986. For the next three years, he honed his managerial and technical skills managing a large independent pharmacy in the Chicago area, with particular interest in modernization of the field through pharmacy computer systems.

In 1989, Parker moved to Saipan to work at the in-patient pharmacy of the Commonwealth Health Center, where he met his future wife, Kathy Yuknavage, then a medical technologist and now Brabu's co-owner.

Both Parker and Yuknavage left in 1992 to pursue higher studies at the University of Washington, the former taking up masters in Public Health with emphasis on International Health and the latter studying for a masters in Environmental Health Technology.

Both returned to Saipan in 1996, the year when Parker started working at PHI Pharmacy where he served as general manager from 2002 to 2008.

"I really like the idea of competition, the idea of giving people a choice," said Parker when asked why he decided to set up his own pharmacy. "With competition, services will be better and there is a tendency for things to be less expensive."

"Another reason why I want-

ed to build a pharmacy here on Saipan is that my wife and I are committed to this community and we wanted to have something to call our own," he added.

Brabu as a way of life

When it was time to come up with a name for the pharmacy, Yuknavage had a brainstorming session with a friend.

"I wanted a Chamorro word that would best describe total wellbeing—physically, emotionally, mentally. I wanted a word that encompasses all these things," she said.

Yuknavage's friend came up with two words: *brabu* and *hinemlo*. "Brabu fit a little better than the other word," said Yuknavage.

Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center, which started with only Parker, Yuknavage, and lead pharmacy technician Trina Ito as staff, has added several employees to its organization—including visiting pharmacy interns and student apprentices—who strive to build lasting relationships with their growing clientele base.

"You cannot get better staff than ours. Our team, which are all long-time residents in our community, makes sure that we connect and relate to our clients. There's a certain feeling of comfort that people have when they visit Brabu," said Parker.

As part of its total wellbeing principle, Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center also takes pride in carrying an array of organic and earth-friendly products—from supplements and skin care products to household cleaners and laundry materials—as well as locally made products like daok and coconut oils.

Brabu Pharmacy and Wellness Center also promotes a no-plastic policy, spearheaded by Yuknavage, by encouraging all staff and customers to use reusable bags instead of plastic bags. Brabu even carries handwoven bags made by the people who receive assistance at Guma Esperanza to help exhibit their talents and help them earn revenue.

Customers who are in need of certain products and items can also place an order at Brabu, which will work on getting them shipped to the island at no extra cost.

"The whole point of being 'brabu' is to focus on the well-being of people, to give an overall feeling of well-being in all aspects of one's life," said Yuknavage.

With their growing success, Parker disclosed that the community can look forward to better services as they plan to

expand and make room for enhanced growth. "It's not about making money but being able to meet and exceed expectation and helping the community in the process," he added.

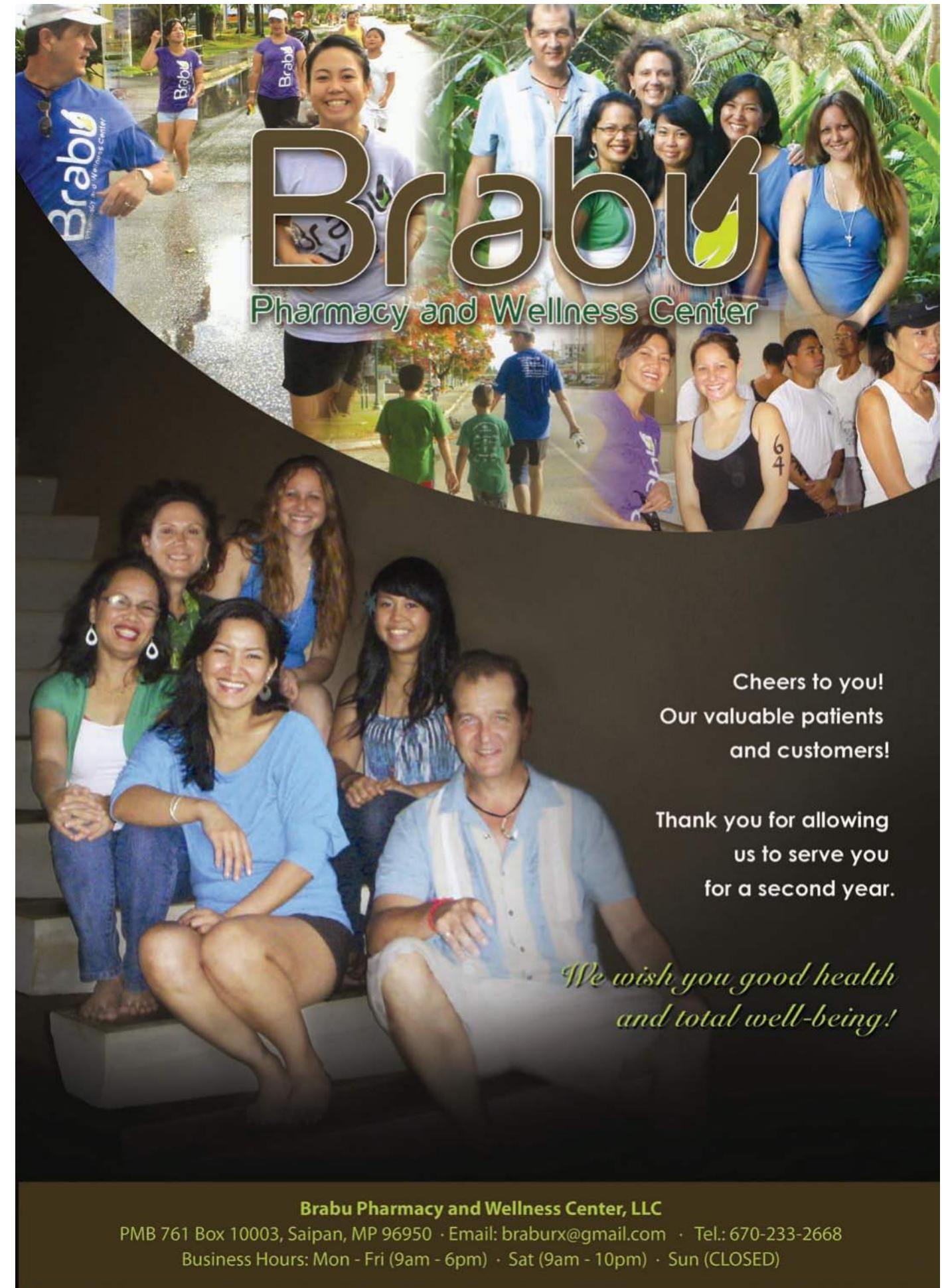
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CUC gets four new turbochargers

The CNMI ARRA Office, in collaboration with the CNMI Division of Energy and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., has purchased four new turbochargers for CUC's Power Plant 1 through the ARRA State Energy Program. CUC power plant engines Nos. 5-8 have been designated to receive the new units.

The project began in August of 2010 and faced many challenges, the most substantial being the ARRA "Buy America" Provision. The CNMI ARRA Office, CNMI Division of Energy, and project management firm N15 Architects worked closely with the U.S. Department of Energy in trying to secure the waiver, which was finally issued in September 2010.

The project aims to retrofit existing engines with the latest turbocharger technology.

Ex-CTC chair Fitzgerald seeks parole

» Man convicted of murder, ex-CUC supervisor also apply for parole

James Michael P. Fitzgerald, former chairman of the defunct Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission who was sentenced in 2009 to five years in prison for stealing some \$88,000 from CTC, is applying for parole.

The Board of Parole will conduct a parole hearing tomorrow, June 22, at 1pm at the Department of Corrections' briefing/training room.

Fitzgerald had pleaded guilty to five counts of theft as part of a plea bargain. Twenty-three more theft charges and a charge of misconduct in public office were dropped.

Fitzgerald started serving his sentence on April 15, 2009. If not granted parole, he is to be released on April 14, 2014.

CUC will be able to effectively extend the engines' useful life, while improving performance, economics, and environmental impact. The new turbochargers will also improve engine response, provide for lower spare part costs, and provide easier maintenance and time between overhauls.

The first pair of units arrived at Power Plant 1 on Feb. 9, 2011, and CUC installed the first turbochargers on Engine No. 8 and is currently testing the new equipment. Final results won't be ready until mid-July, but preliminary results indicate that CUC will reduce fuel consumption even more than expected and significantly reduce carbon emissions at the same time.

CUC has already started preparing for the next set of turbochargers for Engine No. 6, projected fuel savings for Engine No. 8, based on preliminary tests, will be more than 650,000 gallons per year. At \$3 per gallon, that translates to a savings of almost \$2 million per year if the engine runs under full load.

"The turbochargers boost the output of the engines at Power Plant 1," said CUC executive director Abe Ma-

lae. "The end result is higher fuel efficiency that translates to lower costs to customers thanks to the ARRA Office, Department of Public Works, and its Energy Division."

Two other projects to purchase four lube oil separators and an oily water/used oil separator have also been awarded to CUC through the ARRA State Energy Program. The lube oil separators will allow CUC to reduce waste oil while the oily water separator will clean traces of oil from the dirty water in the power plant before it is released into the sewer system.

Fred Camacho, the CNMI ARRA Communications/IT manager, said: "These projects will go a long way to aid the community with the cost of utilities while helping to reduce the carbon footprint produced at the local power plant." (*Office of the Governor*)



NATIONAL CHAMPION

The National Forensic League NMI team will be arriving tonight with national champion John Edward M. Elenzano from Mt. Carmel School. The national competition was held in Dallas, Texas, with more than 4,000 competitors nationwide. Elenzano placed the NMI on the map—it's a first time in NMI history for a student from the Commonwealth to take home the top award in this prestigious event.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 50th birthday to Saipan's greatest grandpa Luis A. Reyes (Onio). Hope you enjoy your special day! Loving and thinking of you always—Tricia, Jayboy, Kirida, TJ, Louie, LRock, Keoni, and Luther



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Happy birthday greetings go out to Luna Zena Litulumar, who is celebrating her special day today, June 21! Enjoy and God bless. Greetings come from Baby Girl, Randall, Kaykay Holiday, Marissa, friends, and family.



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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 21, 1999

Filipino workers are investing in real estate

Despite the uncertainty of their employment contracts in the CNMI, Filipino workers here are investing on real estate in the hope to fulfill their dream to own a house back in the Philippines. Visiting loan program manager Vincent N. Nery said following its first housing fair held on Saipan last year, the number of borrowers from the CNMI has more than doubled. "From 17 borrowers before the fair, we have 210 as of today," he said. Nery is representing the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-IBIG, a Philippine government corporation based in Makati, which offers housing loans to its members including overseas contract workers.

BOE decides to build one high school, junior high

The Board of Education decided against the proposal to build two new high schools on Saipan and favored the original plan to construct a junior high school and a new high school. In a special meeting called last Friday, board members carried the motion to develop a junior high school in Kagman III, near the site where the elementary school is being constructed. For the new high school, the Board favored the location near the Governor's Office up at Capitol Hill. However, the site is not one of the lot properties assigned to the Public School System. The Board will seek permission from the Department of Land and Natural Resources to build the new high school on Capitol Hill.

June 21, 2000

OPA faults DOF computation of lottery revenues

The Office of the Public Auditor faulted the computation of government revenues generated from the lottery operations during the first quarter of Fiscal Year 1999 when earnings were reportedly understated. According to an audit report released yesterday, government revenues were understated by as much as \$25,232 in the first three months of the last fiscal year. Government revenue from lottery operations was reported to have reached only \$157,830, and should be increased to \$183,062 following the audit report's findings that it was understated. Lottery operators failed to compute lottery revenues based on the terms of agreement of the Memorandum of Understanding reached with the CNMI government in 1994, 1997 and 1998.

Nonresident enrollment at NMC declines

The Northern Marianas College is currently intensifying efforts to lure more foreign students into studying at CNMI's lone higher learning institution following a decrease in its nonresident student enrollment in the last two academic years. In academic year 1996-97, 483 foreign enrollees registered at NMC out of the 1,721 total student population. The following year, the figure dropped to 373 which further dipped to a 225 nonresident students AY 1998-99. NMC Director for Developmental and Alumni Relations Tony V. Deleon Guerrero said this is one of the many challenges the Board of Regents is looking into also as a way of giving boost to the Commonwealth's ailing tourism industry.

June 21, 2001

Wider PCB contamination feared

Impending opening of the refuse transfer station may cause wider polychlorinated biphenyl contamination because the project's identified site in Lower Base remains untested for PCB. Tanapag Action Group Chair Juan I. Tenorio said the area, which is also a subject to a legal dispute, was part of the US Military Fuel Farm. This raises concerns on the area being possibly tainted with PCB. Tenorio added the project site was never submitted to any soil and water laboratory test, which doubles the probability of contaminating other Saipan villages with PCB. He said the movement of collected garbage from the Tanapag Village to the transfer station and to the Marpi Sanitary Landfill poses greater health risks among Saipan residents.

Off-island treatment of tainted soil urged

Tanapag residents vehemently opposed on-site treatment of PCB-contaminated soil and demanded that this be done in the mainland United States. The position was raised by the Tanapag Action Group in a letter to acting director Tony Guerrero of the Division of Environmental Quality. "TAG, on behalf of residents of Tanapag Village, strongly opposed the 'On-Site Treatment' of the PCB contaminated soil. We strongly recommend that all the stock piled of PCB contaminated soil be shipped off-island for treatment," the group said.

Can You Identify?

The individuals in last week's photo were identified as Francesca Tenorio Guerrero "Pan" and Antonio DLG Delos Reyes "Toluk." Photo taken at the Mt. Carmel Junior/Senior Prom. Photo identified by Anna Sakisat, Herman T. Guerrero, Alicia Guerrero, Tracy M. Guerrero, Ray M. Bermudes, Ben Barcenas and Margarita Rios.



If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.

Study tracks 20 years of ecological change for Laolao Bay coral reefs

Extensive coral reef surveys were recently completed across Laolao Bay in conjunction with an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant awarded to the Division of Environmental Quality, and the results are now available online (http://www.pacmares.com/Laolao_Bay.html).

The ARRA-funded project activities include ongoing road construction and drainage improvement in the western portion of the bay that will decrease land-based pollution being washed into the bay during storm events.

The project also includes multi-year, revegetation efforts that aim to replant barren savannah uplands with native trees and shrubs. In association with these activities, ecological and water quality monitoring are being conducted by the Pacific Marine Resources Institute, a Saipan-based non-governmental organization conducting coral reef

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conservation research across the Pacific, in collaboration with THE CNMI's marine monitoring program (comprising members from DEQ and Coastal Resources Management offices).

According to PMRI's Dr. Peter Houk and DEQ ecologist Dr. Ryan Okano, the main goal of coral monitoring efforts was to produce a set of baseline conditions upon which the hopeful

success of this project can eventually be evaluated. The released findings provide a comprehensive, pre-construction assessment of the coral reef condition in Laolao. But more influentially, a similar set of extensive surveys were conducted in 1991, in conjunction with the development of the Laolao Bay Golf Course. Thus, the current effort offers unique insight regarding change over the past 20 years—information that is rarely available to scientists and resource managers.

While the CNMI's coral monitoring and management program has been documenting negative trends in coral abundance and diversity over

the past 10 years, the new findings offer deeper insight. For example, along with declining coral condition there have been increases in macroalgae (or seaweeds) that are now beyond levels that can be considered "normal" or "healthy," especially on the shallow reef flats. Unfortunately, enhanced algal growth hampers the settlement of new corals, and the cycle of life and physical structure on coral reefs. Houk describes that one major problem besides the increase in land-based pollution over the years has been a significant reduction in fish density, especially herbivorous fish that are known to eat macroalgae. Together, pollution and reduced herbivory represent the greatest localized threats to coral reefs worldwide. The positive news is that both are very manageable, but action is needed immediately. Laolao Bay is one of Saipan's most desirable coastal areas, with some coral reefs valued at over \$10 million per square kilometer based upon a recent economic study.

If Laolao's reefs are to remain healthy and improve their ability to recover from natural dis-

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■ Thursday, June 23, 8am-5pm—The morning session is for business owners to get a fast start on the CHALLENGE. The afternoon has three, one-hour sessions on topics such as: Grants for businesses, bookkeeping, motivation, personal financial management, getting a loan, and more. During the 12 weeks you'll get training and support worth over \$1,800 to grow your business, for only \$97. Includes a *30-day money back guarantee. Go to the website to learn more or register. (Save \$20 before the 22nd) (PR)

One Economy, Commerce host broadband townhall meetings

One Economy, the CNMI Department of Commerce, BroadMap LLC, and the New America Foundation will be conducting a townhall meeting to understand residents' attitudes toward broadband.

The program is part of an initiative of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to develop and maintain a comprehensive, interactive, and searchable nationwide map of existing broadband capability and availability throughout each state or territory.

In addition, One Economy aims to improve broadband adoption in CNMI by better understanding the barriers to adopting broadband that residents may face.

The town hall meetings will be held in June:

■ Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 6pm, at the Conference Room, Administration Bldg., Capital Hill

■ Wednesday, June 22, 2011, 6pm, at the Kagman Community Center

■ Tuesday, June 28, 2011, 6pm, at the San Vicente Elementary School cafeteria

■ Wednesday, June 29, 2011, 6pm, at the Dandan Elementary School cafeteria

The public's attendance and participation in this community engagement will help map Internet access, usage, and attitudes. Refreshments will be served.

One Economy is a global nonprofit organization that uses innovative approaches to deliver the power of technology and information to low-income people. More than 17 million people have used One Economy's online tools and resources, including The Beehive (www.thebeehive.org) and the Public Internet Channel (www.pic.tv). (OneEconomy)

turbances such as typhoons and coral-eating starfish outbreaks, strategic plans are necessary to prioritize actions and generate funding. Such a strategic plan is exactly what DEQ used to win major ARRA funding to begin improving conditions in Laolao;

however, more efforts are underway and will be needed.

"I was excited to have the chance to work with the excellent local monitoring and management programs that are building institutional support, public knowledge, and

appropriate science necessary to define and evaluate CNMI's marine resources," said Houk. "If tourism is a major part of the local economy, then it only seems logical that healthy coral and fish populations will help to maximize our visitors' experiences, and thus, economic gain." (PR)

NMC to host free 'Cash for College' workshop

The Northern Marianas College and the College Access Challenge Project will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that is aimed at assisting students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided

with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a

valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 Ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmc-net.edu. (NMC)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Boy Scout meeting tomorrow

A special Boy Scout meeting will be conducted on Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at 4pm at the liberation Day Carnival grounds across Kristo Rai Church in Garapan.

The agenda will include:

- Cub Scout Day Camp and Boy Scout Summer Camp Program
- Liberation Day parade
- Distribution of T-shirts
- Collection of camp fee: Cub Scout (\$2), Boy Scout (\$4).

All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, parents and unit leaders are requested to be present at this important meeting. Please, be on time. For more inform, contact your respective Cub Scout/Boy Scout Leader or Island Director Calistro I. Reyes at 285-9709 or 235-9708. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- June 20-22, from 9am to 10pm
- June 24, from 11am to 7:30pm

The public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the CNMI. (USN)

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Applicants must be a high school graduate or equivalent and must have two years general experience and one year specialized experience, which has provided a good understanding of office clerical practices and knowledge of legal procedure and or legal pleading. Applicants must also have excellent office computing skills.

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Education above high school level in accredited institutions may be substituted for the general experience on the basis of one academic year equals nine months of general experience.

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An Associate (AA or AS) college degree is desirable. Applicants should possess the ability to exercise mature judgment and the ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally. Strong legal office and/or administrative work experience is desirable.

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Weiner's fall from grace teaches lesson

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U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner's decision to resign from Congress Thursday last week was overdue, given his repeated lies and his confessions that he had sent lewd photos and messages online, some after his marriage. He profusely apologized, again, though it seems all so hollow now.

The whole episode—the R-rated images, his meltdown press conference last week, the interviews with the women involved—was a tawdry distraction from the serious business that Americans expect Washington to do.

While the sexting scandal was largely about Weiner's personal demons, it did prompt a useful conversation about morality in a digital age.

Can you cheat on your spouse if you never meet the other man or woman face to face? Is it infidelity if there's only an exchange of suggestive photos, or flirty messages?

As long as there has been marriage, there has been adultery. Many of us do some really stupid things in our personal lives.

But technology—and now the surge in social networking—makes it easier to be reckless.

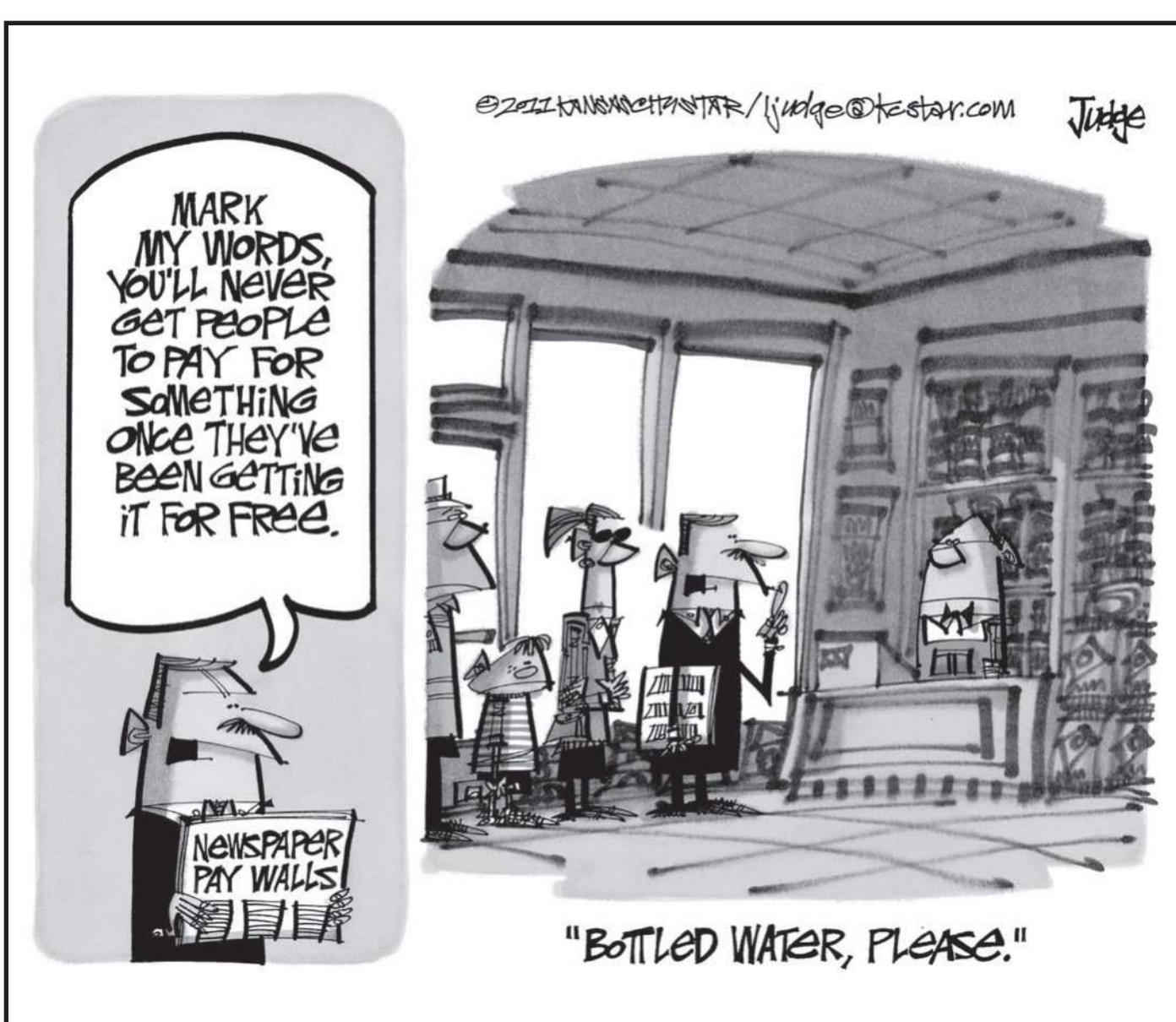
Nearly half of U.S. adults say they use social networking sites such as Facebook or Twitter, up from 26 percent in 2008, according to a survey co-incidentally released Thursday by the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

In that online world, sexting is more prevalent than many might believe or wish. In a May 2010 survey by the Pew project, 15 percent of adults said they had received "a sexually suggestive nude or nearly nude photo or video" and 6 percent said they had sent one. The numbers are even higher among younger Americans.

The Internet gives the illusion of anonymity. But as Weiner's downfall shows, very little on the Web is totally private.

A Minnesota man responded this way when asked by the Associated Press about virtual infidelity. "Would you text it, post it, send it with your spouse looking over your shoulder?" he replied.

That's a pretty good rule of thumb.



The women of the Arab Spring

By NATANA J. DELONG-BAS
COMMON GROUND NEWS SERVICE

BOSTON—What do Asmaa Mahfouz, Munira Fakhro and Tawakul Karman all have in common?

They are strong, capable women defying the popular Western image of the oppressed, repressed, suppressed Muslim woman hidden behind a black chador or blue burqa, helplessly waiting for Western liberation.

The biggest challenge they face is not dispelling Western stereotypes, but claiming their place in the Arab Spring, not only during the revolutionary and transitional periods, but most important in the new systems that result.

In Egypt, Asmaa Mahfouz became known by many as the "Leader of the Revolution" after posting an online video calling young people to demonstrate en masse, helping to spark the revolution that forced President Hosni Mubarak's resignation.

In Bahrain, political activist Munira Fakhro played a leading role as an organizer and spokeswoman for the Pearl Square demonstrations, demanding government reform and building a movement that was "not Sunni, not Shia, but Bahraini."

In Yemen, human rights activist and journalist Tawakul Karman protested nonviolently outside Sanaa University every Tuesday from May 2007 until June 2011, demanding that President Ali Abdullah Saleh step down from power.

These women are not waiting for someone to come rescue them. They are active participants in their own liberation. They are leaders who provide vision, strategy, technological expertise, networks, logistics, determination, courage and sheer numbers.

In stark contrast to the image of Arab women in charge of nothing but their homes, these women are picketing outside supermarkets, staging sit-ins with their children, organizing demonstrations, networking with each other, teaching workshops on the tactics of nonviolence, tearing down security fences and marching through checkpoints to connect with people on the other side.

They are not only pitching tents and serving tea, but also working as doctors and nurses, providing medical services to those wounded by police and military crackdowns on demonstrations. And over the past several months, they have been beaten, tear-gassed, shot, arrested, tortured, raped and killed by government forces.

Their issues are not just "women's issues" but national issues. They are standing and working alongside men in their quest for greater levels of freedom, a voice in the government, an end to cor-

ruption and the right to jobs, a decent education and a better life, not only for themselves, but for everyone.

As we look at the Arab Spring today, we must remember the lessons of Algeria and Kuwait. Although many courageous women risked their safety and gave their lives in the struggles for independence, once the conflict was over and independence declared, women were thanked for their contributions—and sent back home to leave the "real" work to the men. The ruling entities may have changed, but the patriarchal order remained intact.

Hints of history repeating itself are already apparent in Egypt where the "Council of Wise Men" was established to advise the transitional government, leaving women without a direct voice. Demonstrations in support of International Women's Day in Cairo and calls for the protection of women's rights under Tunisia's Personal Status Code were interrupted by men telling women to "go back home where they belong."

If we in the West are serious about supporting genuine democracy in the Arab world, we must help ensure that women are not treated as divorced from the critical interests of society. And we must all recognize the many roles that women already play in Arab society, far beyond the cherished roles of wife and mother. Western and Arab policymakers must make sure women are included in government and leadership positions and public life, not as tokens, but as equals.

Just as their sisters in Jordan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Turkey, Indonesia and elsewhere have served as prime ministers, presidents and cabinet members, so too must the women of the Arab Spring take their places as public officials, leaders and contributors to the construction of their new and reformed regimes.

The inclusion or exclusion of women from the corridors of power and decision-making is, at heart, nothing less than a litmus test for the authenticity of any democracy. Women have already proven their determination to create change and work for reform through the tactics of nonviolence, even at the price of their own lives.

Will we take them seriously?

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Changing your business model with the BizGrowth CHALLENGE

Have you ever thought: "I wish someone would do something to improve the economy?" Well, that time has come, and you and I can be the catalyst to do something that will make a difference and improve the quality of life here in the Mariana Islands. The economy is built on the backs of businesses, and if enough businesses make a concerted effort to grow their business, then the overall economy will also improve by increasing revenue, creating new jobs, and paying more in taxes to fund community programs and services.

There are many benefits that come from living on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, but they're often overshadowed by the worsening economy. There have been too many business closures, the government continues austerity measures, most business owners have reduced expenses to the bone, and many are making plans to shut down. However, I believe there is still hope if we can work together.

My motivation for starting the BizGrowth CHALLENGE, and hopefully your desire to participate as a businessperson, farmer, or someone wanting to start a business, is to continue to make this a wonderful place to live and raise our children. The BizGrowth Symposium on Wednesday and Thursday is just the beginning of a

12-week program to provide ongoing assistance to your business. I'll be doing everything on my part to help you grow your business. Plus, I've assembled numerous programs, individuals, activities and resources that will assist your business to move to the next level of growth. The CHALLENGE is fully guaranteed so the risk is totally on me to prove its effectiveness, but it will require some effort on your part to work ON your business, not just IN it to grow your business and realize results.

Here is just one example why I am so confident that your business will be able to achieve sustainable growth by fully participating in the CHALLENGE. There are three major components that make up your Business Model: 1) Who you serve—customers, 3) What you serve your customers—products, and 3) How you serve your customers—operations. A simple shift or change in one or more of the three components will change your business model and also the results you produce.

As you can see, the common element in all three areas focus on serving your customers; therefore, any change that allows you to serve your customer better will make a difference in your sales and profits. One of the things you will examine is the strength of your Unique Strategic Advantage, or USA. This requires you to identify the customers you now serve and those you would like to serve in the future, the benefits your products offer them, and how you operate your business in a way that adds value to the customer's life by being friendlier, faster, or more fun and convenient than the competition. Once you've identified your USA, you will be able to change your business model and better serve your customers. Here are some other ways the CHALLENGE will help improve your business model:

- Receive a detailed report each week that provides numerous ideas in the 12 critical areas that cover the pre-transaction, transaction, and post-transaction phases of customer service.
- Learn how to create a simple plan that helps you identify and accomplish activities that will improve your business model and increase your sales and profits.
- Provide numerous ideas, examples, techniques, and tools that will help improve your business model and cause you to become more innovative. Innovation is critical to sustainable growth because it allows you to serve your customers better now and in the future.

The Symposium starts on Wednesday, June 22nd by focusing on new businesses and farmers. This free, half-day session at the Multi-

By RIK VILLEGAS

Special to the Saipan Tribune



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Purpose Center starts at 8:00am and will have a general introduction before splitting into two groups. One group will allow individuals to get a business license and then learn how to get a fast start in business. They will also be invited to join the Outsourcing Network to offer their skills and services as an independent contractor to others.

The other group will be led by CREES staff and will cover these topics for those who own a farm or want to get started in farming with these topics:

- 8:50: "Opportunities in Aquaculture" by Michael Ogo (Aquaculture Specialist)
- 9:20: "Economic Advantages of Integrated Pest Management" by Marisol Quintanilla (Entomologist)
- 11:10: "WSARE Projects funded in the CNMI over the Years" by Allan Sabaldica (Animal Scientist)

Be sure to attend the full-day training on Thursday at the Multi-Purpose Center. The \$97 cost includes two tickets to the training and full participation in the 12-week program. If you just want to attend the training, it is only \$30 per person. The morning session covers topics discussed in this article as well as other topics to get you off to a fast start. In the afternoon, you will be able to choose from multiple topics in three one-hour training sessions. Some of the topics include: Accessing the millions in grants and other funding sources for businesses, applying for a loan, bookkeeping, human resource issues, motivating staff, and personal financial management.

To join the CHALLENGE, go to www.SaipanBestLiving.com and get listed on the website and receive the Strategic Growth Plan right away, or you can wait and register on the day of the BizGrowth Launch Symposium on June 23, 2011, (you'll save \$20 by registering online prior to June 22). If you have any questions you can email me at RikVillegas@gmail.com or call 321-7458.

Get an education with that degree

Now that graduation season is upon us, here's one last test question for the high school students: Have you ever seen the painting of a pipe by Rene Magritte? It's called "The Treachery of Imagery," and if you haven't had art history, I'll describe it. It's just a painting of a pipe, really, except that at the bottom it says, in French, "This is not a pipe." What can such a caption mean? Obviously, what's portrayed is a pipe. But Magritte is trying to remind us that his painting is just a picture of a pipe—an image that cannot be stuffed with tobacco or smoked—and that's a crucial distinction.

It's one worth pondering now that many of you are about to go off to college, because there is an equally crucial distinction to be drawn between a degree and an education. Yet everyone is so focused on the former that an awful lot of young people are graduating without the latter.

The problem is that we've confused the two—mistaken credentials for knowledge, and time in school for learning. It's a tragic mistake.

And it's a mistake the marketplace is unlikely to make for long.

Already, credential inflation has set in. As college degrees have become more plentiful, some employers have started demanding an MBA or other graduate degree.

Undergraduate and even graduate degrees will lose more value over time as employers wake up to the fact that you can't smoke a picture of a pipe.

The question is whether all these college degrees signify much learning. The signs so far aren't encouraging. Survey data indicate that college students study less than they used to, yet are also the beneficiaries of inflated grades. At many colleges, professors beholden to student evaluations—and more interested in their own research—are content not to challenge their students, whose ratings inevitably are influenced favorably by how easy the coursework is. Apparently, most participants are happy with this arrangement.

Business students seem especially prone to sleepwalk through

By DANIEL AKST

Newsday



Daniel Akst, a columnist for Newsday, is the author of *We Have Met the Enemy: Self-Control in an Age of Excess* from Penguin Press.

college. They spend less time studying than students with other majors, get less out of their first two years of college, and actually do worse than nonbusiness majors on the GMAT, a standardized test for admission to a graduate program in business. The inadequacies of undergraduate business education are especially pronounced among such "soft" specialties as marketing and management, as opposed to, say, accounting.

Coasting through college at keg parties and bong blasts can be fun. (Don't ask me how I know!) But there really is life after graduation, and without an honest-to-goodness education it may prove surprisingly unhappy.

So forget about the degree. What you really need from college is the same thing you ought to have had from high school, only more of it: some understanding of math and science, some coherent knowledge of the world and its history, and the skills to communicate clearly and persuasively in writing. You'll especially need the ability to read and think critically.

If you get all this, you'll have the beginnings of an education that will propel you into a lifetime of curiosity. As a bonus, you shouldn't have too much trouble making a living. Of course, you can always just borrow a bunch of money to get an empty credential. But don't expect the rest of the world to mistake it for an education. As Magritte must surely have said somewhere, you can put that in your pipe and smoke it.

A complacent public

I find Mr. Anthony Pellegrino's article very interesting regarding how to get the CNMI economically strong again. I think that countries that have no supply of rich natural resources but are successful as a nation—as compared to countries that are rich in natural resources but are constantly battling their personal civil strife—have one thing in common, Mr. Pellegrino. That common denominator is the leaders that are in power. If a nation is led by wise, educated, and compassionate people who truly believe in the best welfare of its citizens, then their society will have a chance at a more productive and democratic way of life. Japan, Norway, Iceland, and Switzerland, to name a few, are perfect examples of that. But by the same token, no nation can survive without a strong citizenship that will "take the bull by the horns" and demand the best from their governments. The success of tyrants and dictators are due to the weakness of a country's populace to act quickly to subdue the problem before it's too late. A lot of civil disobedience can be blamed on a nation's cultural and traditional clashes with new thinking opposing its mandate. Without productive and constructive changes within its borders, a country will be just that—a country with a complacent public.

Lagofaatasi Faaola, Jr.

Pago Pago, American Samoa

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.pr.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▼ 78°	▲ 89° ▼ 77°	▲ 88° ▼ 78°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°	▲ 88° ▼ 79°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▼ 81
Palau	Rain	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Rain	▲ 83 ▼ 75
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 84 ▼ 76
Kosrae	Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲ 86 ▼ 77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 62 ▼ 55
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 95 ▼ 72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 89 ▼ 83
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲ 65 ▼ 57
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 61
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 85 ▼ 82
Melbourne	Showers	▲ 54 ▼ 45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲ 91 ▼ 78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80 ▼ 64
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 71
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 58
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 77 ▼ 68
Rome	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 79 ▼ 56
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 75 ▼ 58
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 81 ▼ 70
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲ 84 ▼ 69

Tides

Sunrise/Sunset

Moonrise/Moonset

Saipan Harbor	Today	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Today	10:56 PM	10:23 AM
12:58 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.9 Feet		Wednesday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
7:03 AM	Today	Low Tide: 1.0 Feet		Wednesday	11:32 PM	11:10 AM
11:35 AM	Today	High Tide: 1.5 Feet		Thursday		11:57 AM
6:39 PM	Today	Low Tide: 0.2 Feet		Friday	5:48 AM	6:50 PM
				Saturday	12:07 AM	12:43 PM
					5:49 AM	6:50 PM
					12:44 AM	1:31 PM

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM			GUAM-SAIPAN		

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
0Z608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	0Z607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1	0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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Business

EU sees South Korea trade deal as model for Asia

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The European Union wants its ambitious free trade agreement with South Korea to serve as the model for other deals it is pursuing in Asia, a trade official said Monday.

The EU and South Korea will see their tariff-slashing pact go into effect July 1 in the culmination of a process that began in May 2007 when the two sides launched negotiations. The agreement is the EU's first in Asia.

"The free trade agreement that we have concluded with Korea is very much the model of the type of trade agreement that we would very much wish also to be able to conclude with other Asian countries," said Ignacio Garcia Bercero.

Garcia Bercero was Brussels' chief negotiator for the deal that will eliminate 98.7 percent of duties on trade between South Korea and the 27-member EU, which is the world's largest economic bloc, within five years.

Trade between the two sides totaled \$92.2 billion last year, a gain of 17 percent from 2009 when global trade shrank in the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis.

Garcia Bercero called the agreement with Seoul "the most important free trade agreement



European Union Chief Negotiator for the South Korean deal Ignacio Garcia Bercero, casting his shadow on a banner, delivers a keynote speech during a seminar, "EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement - Putting the FTA into Practice", in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, June 20, 2011.

that has been negotiated so far by the European Union."

The EU ranks as South Korea's fourth-largest trading partner behind China, Southeast Asia and Japan, according to South Korean statistics. The U.S. is South Korea's fifth-largest trading partner.

Garcia Bercero said that the EU is currently negotiating agreements with India and Singapore.

"We are currently at the very important stage of our negotiations with India," he said. "I hope we will be able to successfully conclude them. Of course this is not yet a given."

Talks with Singapore, meanwhile, are "also very advanced," he said, adding that he was "relatively confident" they can be concluded this year.

He said a process has also begun toward free trade talks with Japan, Asia's second-largest economy.

The EU and Japan agreed at a summit last month to start free trade negotiations to be preceded by what their leaders called a "scoping exercise" to ensure that both sides share the same goals and level of ambition.

Paris Air Show spotlights fuel cost fears

PARIS (AP)—Airlines will be seeking a cleaner, cheaper way to fly and planemakers will be angling for billions in new contracts Monday at the Paris Air Show, which stars a solar plane, biofuel jet engines and the Boeing-Airbus rivalry.

The search for more environmentally friendly aircraft is shaping up as one of the major themes of this year's Paris Air Show, the world's largest and oldest aviation showcase.

The show comes amid skyrocketing fuel costs and bleak forecasts for the international air transport market.

The International Air Transport Association last month warned that natural disasters in Japan, unrest in the Middle East and rising fuel prices would cause airline industry profits to collapse only a year after they'd begun to recover from the global economic crisis.

More than 2,100 exhibitors from 45 countries have signed up to take part in the weeklong event showcasing both commercial and defense aircraft. Airbus expects to bag bountiful orders for a new, more fuel-efficient version of its workhorse A320 shorthaul jet, while Boeing is spotlighting its new mid-range 787 Dreamliner and 747-8 intercontinental passenger jets.

Gallois said the air show, at Le Bourget airport outside Par-

is, "will confirm the success of the A320neo," a revamped version of the standard A320 reengineered to be 15 percent more fuel efficient.

Airbus has booked more than 330 orders and commitments for the A320neo since its commercial launch last December, including from airlines IndiGo, Virgin American, Brazil's TAM and airplane leasing company ILFC.

Airlines squeezed by higher fuel prices are rushing to order the jet, which isn't scheduled to come into service until late 2015. Boeing hasn't yet chosen

how it will respond, but top marketing executive Randy Tinseth said last week it would decide in the coming months whether to upgrade its existing 737 model or design a whole new plane, which wouldn't be in the air until the end of the decade.

Boeing and Honeywell are both boasting of having the first biofuel-powered trans-Atlantic flight, with Boeing flying in its 747-8 freighter from Seattle on a mix of biofuel and jet fuel, while Honeywell touts the "green jet fuel" it developed to power a Gulfstream business jet on its way from New Jersey to Le Bourget just in time for the air show kickoff.

Those results were both a big improvement over the results of the last Paris Air Show in 2009, when many airlines closed their checkbooks in the wake of the global financial meltdown.

Last week Boeing Co. upped its forecast for aircraft demand over the next 20 years, saying EADS will also demonstrate the world's first diesel-electric hybrid aircraft at the

airlines will need \$4 trillion worth of new planes to meet a pickup in passenger numbers, particularly in the Asia-Pacific region.

Going into next week's event, Airbus has taken in 176 gross orders this year, compared to Boeing's 183 gross orders.

Boeing is the world's No. 2 commercial jet maker after Airbus, based on 2010 deliveries. Airbus delivered 510 commercial planes last year, compared with 462 for Boeing.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charitable giving in US rebounds a bit after drop

NEW YORK (AP)—Charitable giving by Americans rebounded slightly in 2010 after two years of sharp declines resulting from the recession, according to an annual survey being released Monday. Total contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations were estimated at \$290.9 billion, up from \$280.3 billion in 2009, the Giving USA Foundation reported. That represented growth of 3.8 percent in current dollars and 2.1 percent in inflation-adjusted dollars. "That's good news following a combined drop of over 13 percent in 2008 and 2009," said Patrick Rooney, executive director of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, which conducted research for the report.

United and US Airways resolve computer outages

WASHINGTON (AP)—United Airlines and US Airways said Sunday they were resuming normal operations after computer outages that had de-

layed flights over the weekend. Charles Hobart, a spokesman for Chicago-based United, said that hackers were not involved in a five-hour computer outage that virtually shut down United Airlines Friday night and early Saturday. United Air is part of United Continental Holdings Inc. Hobart said that United was forced to cancel 16 flights on Friday and approximately 25 on Saturday because of the computer outage that also delayed about 100 flights worldwide.

Japanese exports drop 10.3 percent in May

TOKYO (AP)—Japan's exports in May dropped 10.3 percent from a year earlier, hit by massive production losses in the auto sector following the earthquake and tsunami disasters, the government said Monday. Exports shrank to 4.76 trillion yen (\$6 billion), marking the third straight year-on-year decline, the finance ministry said. Imports rose 12.3 percent to 5.61 trillion yen, resulting in a trade deficit of 853.7 billion yen—Japan's second-biggest after a 967.9 billion yen deficit in January 2009.

A deal with the United States, however, remains unratified in both countries despite negotiations having initially been concluded before those with the EU began.

Spanish marchers protest unemployment, austerity

MADRID (AP)—Tens of thousands of Spanish protesters—young and old, those with jobs and those without—marched Sunday in Madrid to drive home their anger over high unemployment, bleak economic prospects and politicians they consider inept.

Similar demonstrations were being held in other cities including Barcelona in the north, Valencia in the east and Seville in the south. Police were out in force after a Wednesday protest in Barcelona turned violent.

Protester Antonio Cortes, 58, said Spain's workers were being asked to bear the brunt of the financial crisis.

"This crisis was created by the capitalist financial system and we are paying for it. All the cuts shouldn't be aimed at the working class," he said.

Nearly two years of recession have left Spain with a 21.3-percent unemployment rate—the highest in the 17-nation eurozone—and saddled with debt. The jobless rate, which has more than doubled since 2007, jumps to 35 percent for people aged 16 to 29. Many young, highly educated Spaniards can't find jobs as the eurozone's No. 4 economy struggles with low growth.

Protests began May 15 and spread to cities across the country, striking a chord with hundreds of thousands fed-up with the wage cuts and tax hikes needed to resolve a financial crisis they see as created by banks and wealthy developers.

Beside a statue dedicated to Neptune, the mythological god of the sea, some protesters were preparing a fish stew lunch using two parabolic-shaped solar-powered cookers.

"If we don't stand up for what we believe in now that this movement has momentum, we will surely regret it," said Marta Rojo, 20.

Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's government has tackled the debt crisis by cutting government spending, freezing pensions, raising the retirement age and making it easier and cheaper for companies to lay people off.

Spain slipped into recession in 2008 after a real estate bubble burst, halting a credit-fueled consumer spending spree. It has not needed or sought an international bailout like fellow eurozone members Greece, Ireland and Portugal, but its financial troubles strike fear in other European capitals due to the sheer size of its economy.

Nation

Winds challenge crews battling AZ, NM wildfires

PHOENIX (AP)—Authorities ordered more evacuations Sunday as crews battling a pair of wildfires in Arizona and one the New Mexico border faced extremely high winds that drove flames across containment lines and toward populated areas.

The new evacuations were near the southern Arizona city of Sierra Vista, where the Monument fire had already forced nearly 7,000 people to flee 2,600 homes. At least 44 homes have been lost.

Winds reaching 50 mph pushed flames down a mountain and into a heavily populated area Sunday. Fire crews were forced to abandon their lines and try to set up in new spots as the fire advanced, fire spokesman Bill Paxton said. Residents of several areas that had been under a pre-evacuation notices were ordered to flee.

An additional 1,500 homes were evacuated Sunday afternoon, and the fire jumped a highway and was blowing into a community, Cochise County sheriff's spokeswoman Carol Michael Puentes said.

Despite the evacuation order for Luna, about half the town's residents remained in town. They have been told to stay off the roads so they don't get in the way of fire crews, Catron County Undersheriff Ian Fletcher said. Few people

went to a Red Cross shelter set up in Reserve, N.M.

"If the fire comes back around or things change where they

have to get out, we still have an egress point, so we will still escort them out of town," Fletcher said. "We're expecting high

winds this afternoon—we're preparing for the worst and hoping for the best."

The Wallow fire, which is burning up much of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, is the largest of several wildfires burning in spots across the southwestern United States.

With summer rains still weeks away, forecasters said fire crews in much of Arizona and New Mexico would likely

AP

Tim Johnson runs out of his home with his brother Bryan Johnson, right, while they grab what they can as a wildfire burns on Sunday, June 19, 2011 near Sierra Vista, Ariz.



AP

Turn to kidnapping showed bin Laden's interest

WASHINGTON (AP)—Pressured by increased scrutiny of terrorist money sources and strikes aimed at its financiers, al-Qaida's core organization in Pakistan has turned to kidnapping for ransom to offset dwindling cash reserves, according to U.S. officials, some of whom cited information in files retrieved from Osama bin Laden's compound.

Bin Laden's interest in kidnapping as a cash-raiser bolsters accounts that the financial squeeze has staggered al-Qaida, forcing it to search for alternative funding sources. Officials would not detail al-Qaida's role in specific crimes, but the group's affiliates have targeted diplomats, tourists and merchants.

His awareness of al-Qaida's growing use of kidnapping is evidence that even in isolation behind high walls in Abbottabad, Pakistan, bin Laden kept tabs on how his network moved its money. The al-Qaida founder was killed last month by U.S. Navy SEALs.

"There are clearly times for them when money is tight," said Rep. C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger of Maryland, the top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. "We've seen that their donors have been less dependable and we're seeing them turning more to kidnapping as a way of keeping the money coming in."

Experts from the CIA's National Counterterrorism Center, the Treasury Department and

the FBI and military are trying to learn more from the recovered files about al-Qaida's money sources and the impact of bin Laden's death on the group's financial future. They hope to identify important al-Qaida donors, especially wealthy Persian Gulf figures who dealt with bin

Laden dating to his work with

Afghan fighters in the campaign against Soviet occupiers in the late 1980s.

The Treasury Department's acting undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, David Cohen, said U.S. efforts are focused on disrupting al-Qaida's cash flow from donors, fundraisers and facilitators. "Al-Qaida's supporters ought to be wondering if their identities have been revealed," Cohen said.

Analysts are examining lists of numbers found in bin Laden's files, hoping to find bank accounts, credit cards or ledgers depicting the financial underpinnings of network known to demand strict accounting from its operatives.

Al-Qaida's leadership inside Pakistan rarely championed kidnappings publicly and was not known previously to widely support its use as a funding source.

The group historically relied on donations through a pipeline of couriers and money-changing operations. At the time of the Sept. 11 attacks, the network took in as much as \$30 million annually, but that money flow has tightened, Ruppersberger said.

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So while 2008 Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin may make headlines by testing the presidential waters—another woman, Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachman, has already joined the 2012 GOP primary field—fewer women are running for lower-tier offices.

Recruiting women to run for office has become a top priority for New York Democrat Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, who hosted a panel discussion earlier this month titled "Getting Women Off the Sidelines" to encourage more women to participate in politics. The event for several hundred women doubled as a fundraiser for Gillibrand's political committee.

Sex scandals highlight dearth of women in politics

NEW YORK (AP)—The sexting scandal that forced New York Rep. Anthony Weiner from Congress last week capped a remarkable season of dishonor for male politicians—from former Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards' indictment on federal campaign finance charges related to hiding a mistress to former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's admission he'd fathered a child with the family maid.

For advocates of women in politics, such sexual shenanigans raise two questions: Why don't women lawmakers fall prey to such temptation? And if more women were elected to office, would political sex scan-

dals disappear?

It's the latest source of frustration for many activists concerned about the lack of progress for women in the political sphere, even as they've begun to outpace men in fields like academia, medicine and law.

Democratic pollster Celinda Lake said women lawmakers have demonstrated an ability to focus on their responsibilities in office and not succumb to distractions—sexual and otherwise—that sometimes ensnare their male colleagues.

"We know that women have fewer sex scandals. And voters, particularly women voters, perceive them as being less prone to those kinds of scandals and more

likely to be problem solvers with the right priorities," Lake said.

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have little relief from the hot, windy weather that has dogged them for days.

Evacuation orders for Luna came on the same day that some other residents displaced by the fire that began May 29 were allowed to return home.

The Wallow blaze has consumed nearly 800 square miles, a little more than 511,000 acres, and more than 3,500 firefighters were trying to stop its advance. It is larger than a 2002 fire that burned 732 square miles and destroyed 491 buildings that had been the largest in state history. Despite its size, the latest fire has destroyed just 32 homes and four rental cabins. Containment rose to 44 percent Sunday.

Residents of Alpine, Ariz., were allowed to return to their homes Saturday morning after being forced out for more than two weeks, but residents of the resort town of Greer still remained evacuated.

The blaze near Sierra Vista broke out June 12 and had been 27 percent contained at about 21,000 acres or nearly 33 square miles early Sunday before the wind spread the flames. About 1,000 firefighters working on Father's Day had to make do without aircraft that had been grounded by winds blowing steadily at about 30 mph with gusts on the ridges of about 50 mph.

ACROSS THE NATION

FBI: No bomb found on plane at Reagan after threat

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bomb threat made by someone at a Dayton, Ohio, airport ticket counter caused flights at Reagan National Airport to be grounded for a time as authorities searched a US Airways plane but found no explosives, authorities said Sunday. FBI spokesman Andrew Ames said no hazards were found aboard the plane that landed about 1 p.m. at the airport just outside Washington, D.C. Authorities searched everything including luggage and interviewed the 44 passengers who all got off safely. Airport police took the person who made the threat to a mental health facility in Dayton, where the person was expected to stay overnight, said Special Agent Michael Brooks, an FBI spokesman in Cincinnati. He did not identify the suspect.

Giffords returning to Houston after Tucson visit

PHOENIX (AP)—Rep. Gabrielle Giffords returned to Houston on Sunday after spending the weekend with her family in Tucson. The visit was the Arizona Democrat's first trip home since she was shot in the head at

a January political event. Six people were killed in the attack and 12 others besides the congresswoman were wounded. Giffords boarded a private plane late Sunday morning after spending nearly two days in Tucson. Giffords Chief of Staff Pia Carusone told The Arizona Republic. Details of the visit by Giffords and astronaut husband Mark Kelly were being kept private at his request.

Obamas celebrate Father's Day with ice cream

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama and his daughters celebrated a sweet Father's Day, paying a visit to a Georgetown ice cream parlor before the girls left with their mother on a trip to Africa. Obama and his daughters, Sasha and Malia, took a Sunday afternoon drive to the Thomas Sweet cafe, about 20 blocks from the White House. The store's menu includes ice cream, frozen yogurt and homemade fudge. Sasha and Malia were scheduled to travel with first lady Michelle Obama, their grandmother, Marian Robinson, and cousins Leslie and Avery Robinson on a weeklong trek in Africa. They will arrive Monday in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Asia

New report shows early chaos at Japan nuke plant

TOKYO (AP)—A new report says Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant was so unprepared for the disaster that workers had to bring protective gear and an emergency manual from distant buildings and borrow equipment from a contractor.

The report, released Saturday by plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co., is based on interviews of workers and plant data. It portrays chaos amid the desperate and ultimately unsuccessful battle to protect the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant from meltdown, and shows that workers struggled with unfamiliar equipment and fear of radiation exposure.

The March 11 earthquake and tsunami destroyed the plant's power and crucial cooling systems, causing three reactor cores to melt and causing several explosions.

TEPCO has been criticized for dragging its feet on venting and sea water cooling—the two crucial steps that experts say could have mitigated the damage. Company officials have said the tsunami created obstacles that were impossible to anticipate. An investigation by an

independent panel is pending.

The report revealed insufficient preparations at the plant that TEPCO hadn't previously acknowledged. It said plant workers had a disaster drill just a week before the tsunami and "everyone was familiar with emergency exits," but it apparently did not help them cope with the crisis.

When the Unit 1 reactor lost cooling functions two hours after the quake, workers tried to pump in fresh water through a fire pump, but it was broken.

A fire engine at the plant couldn't reach the unit because the tsunami left a huge tank blocking the driveway. Workers destroyed a power-operated gate to bring in the engine that arrived at the unit hours later. It was early morning when they finally started pumping water into the reactor—but the core had already melted by then.

They eventually ran out of fresh water and had to switch to sea water, which meant scrapping the reactor.

Other workers were tasked with releasing pressure from Unit 1's containment vessel to avoid an explosion. But first they had to get the manual, which



In this June 9, 2011, photo released Saturday, June 11, 2011, by Tokyo Electric Power Co., equipment inside the cesium absorption tower, part of the newly-built radioactive water processing facilities at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima prefecture, northeastern Japan, are shown. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami knocked out power and cooling systems at the plant, setting off explosions, fires and large radiation leaks at the facility.

was not in the control room but in a separate office building at the plant. Aftershocks struck as they retrieved it.

To activate an air-operated part of the vent, workers had to borrow a compressor from a contractor. And the workers who

had to get close to the unit for the venting had to get protective gear from the offsite crisis management center, 5 kilometers (3

miles) away from the plant.

It took an hour just to put on air tanks, coveralls and face masks before the first two workers headed for the reactor building. The operation was a relay of three two-member teams to minimize exposures.

Rising radiation also disrupted the work, the report said. The second team had to abort their mission as radioactivity almost exceeded the limit at midway. Workers had to switch to a remote control, which was less effective than having humans do the work directly.

After repeated failures, workers managed to vent the containment vessel. But an hour later, the Unit 1 building exploded, damaging similar preparations at two other units, forcing workers to start all over and causing further delays.

Eight of the workers who fought the initial crisis were found to have been exposed to high levels of radiation and were removed from plant work.

The report also said workers borrowed batteries and cables from a subcontractor on the compound to set up a backup system to gauge water levels and other key readings.

US envoy reproaches Afghan president on criticism

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—The U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan publicly reproached Afghanistan's president Sunday for painting American forces here as occupiers and enemies—one of the strongest signs yet that Afghanistan's international allies are no longer willing to excuse President Hamid Karzai's harangues as harmless domestic politicking. U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry told university students and faculty in the western city of Herat that he felt the need to speak from his heart as he reaches the end of his two-year tour as ambassador. The words that came next were strongly critical of the Afghan president, without naming Karzai.

"I find occasional comments from some of your leaders hurtful and inappropriate," Eikenberry told the crowd according to a transcript of the speech.

NEW DELHI (AP)—Days before peace talks, India and Pakistan were caught in an angry exchange of accusations Sunday over the movements of their warships engaged in operations against Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean.

An Indian naval ship and a Pakistani naval vessel brushed against each other Thursday. Pakistan protested Friday, saying the Indian warship undertook dangerous maneuvers, and a day later India said it was the Pakistani ship that had jeopardized safety.

The spat comes less than a week before Indian and Paki-

stani officials are to meet in Islamabad for peace talks on a range of issues, including their long-standing dispute over the Kashmir region and the threats posed by terrorism.

The talks between Indian Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao and her Pakistani counterpart, Salman Bashir, would mark the first formal talks between the South Asian rivals on Kashmir since India broke off peace negotiations in 2008 after terrorist attacks in Mumbai killed 166 people. The two days of discussions starting June 23 are in preparation for peace talks at the

about the meaning of their loved one's sacrifice."

Eikenberry's tour as ambassador has been strained by his tense relationship with Karzai. In a classified memo in 2009, Eikenberry said that Karzai was not a reliable partner with whom to rebuild Afghanistan. The memo were leaked to the press, and Eikenberry has spent the time since trying to repair the fractured relationship. He has repeatedly insisted that he and Karzai work well and comfortably together.

Now, as he prepares to hand over the post to Ryan Crocker, Eikenberry appears to have decided to speak more candidly.

"When we hear ourselves being called occupiers and worse, our pride is offended, and we begin to lose our inspiration to carry on," Eikenberry said.

His words were especially om-

Days before talks, India, Pakistan spar over ships

in New Delhi to protest against the incident, the statement said.

Both countries also accused each other of violating international regulations for prevention of collisions at sea.

The two nuclear-armed rivals have been working toward the resumption of a full-fledged peace dialogue over the past year.

India is going ahead with the talks despite testimony from a Pakistani-American who said in a trial in Chicago last week that Pakistani intelligence was directly involved in plotting and funding the Mumbai attacks. Islamabad denies the charge.

ASIA BRIEFS

More than 5 million affected by China flooding

BEIJING (AP)—More than 5 million people have been displaced or otherwise affected by flooding in eastern China that is also pushing up food prices, state media reported Sunday. Torrential rains have left huge areas of Hubei and Zhejiang provinces under water, with more than 1 million acres (432,200 hectares) of farmland inundated, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Almost 1,000 businesses have been forced to suspend operations and 5.7 million people have had their lives disrupted, Xinhua said in a brief report. More than 7,000 homes collapsed or were otherwise damaged and direct financial damage was estimated at almost 6 billion yuan (\$930 million).

Attack on Pakistan military triggers heavy clashes

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—At least 50 militants attacked a paramilitary checkpoint in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border Sunday, triggering intense fighting that killed four soldiers and up to 25 insurgents, officials said. The military responded to the attack in the Waliyat area of the Mohmand tribal region by carrying out airstrikes against militant bunkers on a mountaintop stronghold and sending in ground forces to push back the insurgents. Four soldiers were killed in the fighting and eight were wounded, the military said in a statement.

SKorea won't punish marines who fired at jetliner

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea says it won't punish the marines who fired rifles at a civilian jetliner they thought was a North Korean military aircraft. A marine spokesman said Sunday that the marines were following their training when they shot at the Asiana Airlines flight carrying 119 people from the Chinese city of Chengdu around dawn Friday. The plane was undamaged. The spokesman refused to identify himself and wouldn't elaborate.

Indonesian branch of Obedient Wives Club opens

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—A new club in Indonesia that encourages women to be totally obedient to their husbands and focus on keeping them sexually satisfied has generated an outcry from some activists. The Indonesian branch of the Obedient Wives Club, launched early this month in Malaysia, claims to have about 300 members in several cities. Group leader Gina Puspita said the club would offer its members a package of teachings including how to treat their husbands in bed. "A wife has to be 100 percent obedient to her husband in all aspects, especially in sexual treatment," she said.

World

Greek PM: Talks on new bailout package under way

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece is talking with international creditors about a second bailout package “roughly equal” to the first euro110 billion (\$157 billion) rescue it accepted a year ago, the prime minister confirmed Sunday.

George Papandreou also blamed Greece’s bloated and inefficient state sector for bringing the country to its knees and vowed to effect deep changes with a fall referendum on the constitution that would make it easier to get rid of inept officials or workers.

His proposals were a populist response to widespread popular anger at politicians as austerity measures cut deeply into disposable incomes. Riots erupted on the streets of Athens last week against a new round of spending cuts and tax hikes being demanded by the European Union and the IMF.

“I ask for a vote of confidence because we are at a critical jun-

ture ... the debt and deficits are national problems that have brought Greece into a state of dependence that may have protected us from bankruptcy, but which we need to get out of,” Papandreou said, opening a three-day parliamentary debate that culminates Tuesday in a confidence vote.

He dismissed any calls to default on the country’s massive debt, saying this would be “a catastrophe for households and banks alike” and made it clear he would not back off from efforts to reduce the debt.

Papandreou called for an autumn referendum on changes to the political system, including to the country’s constitution. He said he will appoint an independent commission of up to 25 people to collect proposals from citizens and submit a report before the fall vote.

Papandreou said the constitutional revision will make it easier to prosecute delinquent

government officials, now protected by a strict statute of limitations. He added other changes would include reducing the number of deputies, more transparent funding of political parties and candidates and a new electoral system, possibly even with term limits.

European donors and the International Monetary Fund are demanding that Greece pass new austerity measures before they release the next euro12 billion (\$17 billion) loan from the first rescue package.

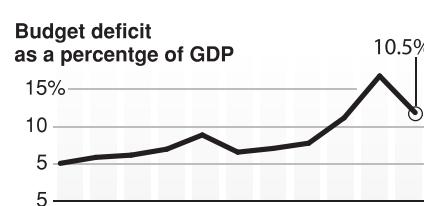
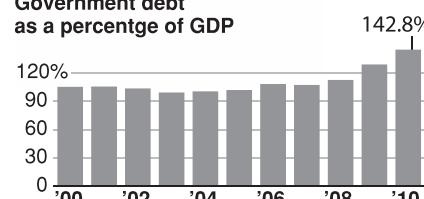
Many experts say Greece’s debt load is too great and expect it to eventually default. The European Central Bank, however, has been adamant that a Greek default is unthinkable because it could set off an unpredictable chain reaction that would badly hurt European banks, roil markets and make it harder for other indebted countries to cope. The ECB also has significant exposure to Greek debt.

Mounting money woes

Aid from the EU and International Monetary Fund will likely help Greece in the short run, but political turmoil is stoking fears that the nation could eventually default on its debts.

Deeper and deeper hole

Government debt as a percentage of GDP



Source: Eurostat, BBC
Graphic: Pat Carr

Bailout troubles

May 2010 Greece agrees to make 30 billion euros (\$42 billion) in budget cuts over three years in return for EU, IMF aid

February 2011 EU, IMF tell Greece to make additional cuts

April Budget deficit revised to 10.5%, worse than previously estimated

May Starts privatizing but cannot promise it will stay solvent for 12 months; IMF warns it may not release more funds

June 29 Deadline for Greece to agree to new austerity package

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the pain of a second Greek bailout. Papandreou also reshuffled his Cabinet and named a new finance minister, Evangelos Venizelos, who was in Luxembourg

on Sunday at a EU finance ministers meeting.

Papandreou said the original loan’s assumption that Greece would be able to borrow from the markets in 2012 was no longer valid, but insisted his Socialist government had done all it was required to, passing painful austerity measures and reducing the deficit as a percentage of GDP by 5 percent in 2010.

Instead, he blamed ratings agencies, tax havens, “derivatives speculators” and the media for allegedly spreading panic and discouraging potential investors.

Papandreou said his government had tried from the start to negotiate lower interest rates and reschedule payments for the first bailout package, something he said his government finally achieved in March.

“This way, we will save, by 2015, euro48.5 billion (\$69 billion) in debt repayments, including euro4 billion (\$5.7 billion) on interest alone,” he said.

Syrian army cuts off lifeline to thousands

Expanding shock waves

The Syrian crackdown on the uprising against President Bashar Assad’s rule threatens to destabilize the region.

Turkey Syria has caused a refugee crisis in Turkey, where thousands of Syrian civilians have fled

Iraq Shiite-led government has been silent on the unrest, though an expected crackdown in eastern Syria could send refugees across its borders



Syria
Population 22.5 million
Median age 21.9 years
Religion 74% Sunni Muslim
Ethnicity 90% Arab

Lebanon Syria allowed its allies to form a dangerously lopsided government in Lebanon and has caused a refugee crisis there
Jordan Thousands of Syrian refugees have flooded the border with Jordan

*Includes Alawite and Druze **Includes Kurds
Source: CIA World Factbook, Los Angeles Times
Graphic: Scott J. Wilson, Lorena Iniguez Elebee, Los Angeles Times

embarrassing stream of refugees fleeing their homeland. Activists said Syrian authorities at the border were making it more difficult for people to reach Turkey.

As he escaped to this area of Turkey on Sunday, one refugee from Bdama, identifying himself only as Hassan, said he could hear gunfire as he fled.

“Soldiers have blocked roads and many people are walking through fields and mountains,” he said.

Clashes erupted almost two weeks ago in Jisr al-Shughour, in the northern province of Idlib, where activists reported loyalist troops fought with army mutineers who refused to take part in the continuing crackdown on protesters seeking President Bashar Assad’s ouster.

Government forces retook that town a week ago, and meanwhile more than 10,500 Syrians fled and are being sheltered in four Turkish refugee camps. An estimated 5,000 others are camped out on the Syrian side of the border, with dwindling resources, trying to remain close to their homes and relatives, avoiding official refugee status that might delay their return.

fire continued to rattle from the compound.

Ex-Tunisia president condemns upcoming trial

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP)—Tunisia’s former autocratic leader, whose downfall triggered uprisings in the Arab world, condemned his upcoming trial as a “shameful masquerade,” according to a statement released Sun-

day. Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, who is in exile in Saudi Arabia, will be tried in absentia at the Tunis criminal court Monday. Ben Ali’s French lawyer released a statement from his client about the trial and his departure for Saudi Arabia. It marks the first public words from Ben Ali since he left the North African country Jan. 14 after a monthlong uprising that led to street protests in Arab countries.

Libya says nine civilians killed in NATO airstrike

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—Libya’s government said NATO warplanes struck a residential neighborhood in the capital Sunday and killed nine civilians, including two children. Hours later, NATO confirmed one of its airstrikes went astray.

The incident gave supporters of Moammar Gadhafi’s regime a new rallying point against the international intervention in Libya’s civil war. The foreign minister called for a “global jihad” on the West in response.

Early Sunday morning, journalists based in the Libyan capital were rushed by government officials to the damaged building, which appeared to have been partly under construction. Reporters were later escorted back to the site, where children’s toys, teacups and dust-covered mattresses could be seen amid the rubble.

In a statement issued late Sunday at Brussels headquarters, the trans-Atlantic alliance said airstrikes were launched against a military missile site in Tripoli, but “it appears that one weapon did not strike the intended target and that there may have been a weapons system failure which may have caused a number of civilian casualties.”

“NATO regrets the loss of innocent civilian lives and takes great care in conducting strikes against a regime determined to use violence against its own citizens,” said Lt. Gen. Charles Bouchard, commander of the anti-Libya operation.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel asks US to let spy attend father’s funeral

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israelis are rallying behind convicted spy Jonathan Pollard like never before, urging the U.S. on Sunday to let the former Pentagon analyst leave prison to attend his father’s funeral. Israelis widely feel that after 25 years behind bars, Pollard has been excessively punished, and they seem puzzled over the U.S. refusal

to set him free, despite recent calls for his release from some prominent former American officials. Pollard was a civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy when he copied and gave to his Israeli handlers enough classified documents to fill a walk-in closet.

Fire hits riot-wrecked Venezuelan prison

GUATIRE, Venezuela (AP)—

Fire ripped through a prison where thousands of Venezuelan troops struggled to put down a revolt by inmates on Sunday as dozens of horrified relatives tried to watch the fighting. Officials gave few descriptions about the progress of the three-day battle at the Rodeo I prison and did not say if more people had been killed or injured beyond the three dead and 18 wounded reported on the first day of the clash. Gun-

Focus

Gates' tenure defined by 2 wars that outlast him

By ROBERT BURNS
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Several days before Robert Gates took over as defense secretary in December 2006, it struck him that the job's most punishing pressure would not come from the White House, Capitol Hill or inside the Pentagon.

From a chance encounter with a military mom, he realized that his heaviest burden as Pentagon chief would be his own emotions, the inescapable worry about the thousands of young American men and women he would send to fight and die on foreign battlefields.

"She said, 'I have two sons in Iraq. For God's sake, bring them home safe. And we'll be praying for you.' Now that's real pressure," he told the Senate committee that was considering his nomination.

It is pressure that, 4½ years later, he readily acknowledges has taken a heavy toll. In a sense it has been a defining feature of his tenure, not the personal strain itself but how it influenced his priorities in the job. Gates' tenure is one of the few in history to have begun and ended in wartime.

"One of the interesting challenges about this job has been the responsibility of waging two wars, neither of which I had anything to do with starting," Gates mused during his final scheduled news conference last week. He's retiring on June 30.

Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began in the first term of President George W. Bush, who hired Gates in 2006 to turn around the flagging and increasingly unpopular U.S.-led war in Iraq. Afghanistan was a footnote then, a small war begun in 2001 but largely orphaned to pay for the large invasion of Iraq two years later.

The wars spanned Gates' entire tenure, under Republican Bush and Democrat Barack Obama, and the wars are outlasting him.

As he repeatedly told soldiers and Marines on his 12th and final trip to Afghanistan in early June, he felt a personal responsibility to do whatever possible in Washington to improve their chances of survival in combat and, for those wounded or injured, to provide the fastest possible evacuation from the battlefield for treatment.

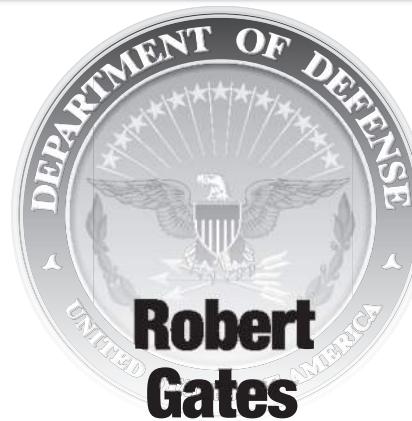
Gates came to the conclusion early in his tenure that the Pentagon bureaucracy, including the military's top brass, were too focused on preparing for the next war, spinning out plans for high-tech, costly new weapons for use against theoretical enemies of the future, rather than focusing on winning the current wars.

So he pushed hard against internal resistance to speeding production and delivery of a new type of ground combat vehicle that reduces the vulnerability of infantry to roadside bombs.

He irked the Air Force leadership when he insisted they get more surveillance drones over the battlefields. In a public rebuke in April 2008 he told the Air War College that getting the Air Force to do more was "like pulling teeth."

When Gates' legacy is sorted out over time, the gains he made in troop protection surely will fig-

OBAMA TRANSITION



Robert Gates
Defense Secretary

- **Born** 1943 in Wichita, Kan.; earned a doctorate in Russian history from Georgetown Univ.

- **Spy and scholar** Career CIA man who rose through the ranks to director; president of Texas A&M University

- **The anti-Rumsfeld** Appointed defense secretary in 2006; unlike his predecessor, known for his calm demeanor, caution

- **Tough, but fair** Fired officers he thought were derelict; liked by the Joint Chiefs, Congress since he consults with them

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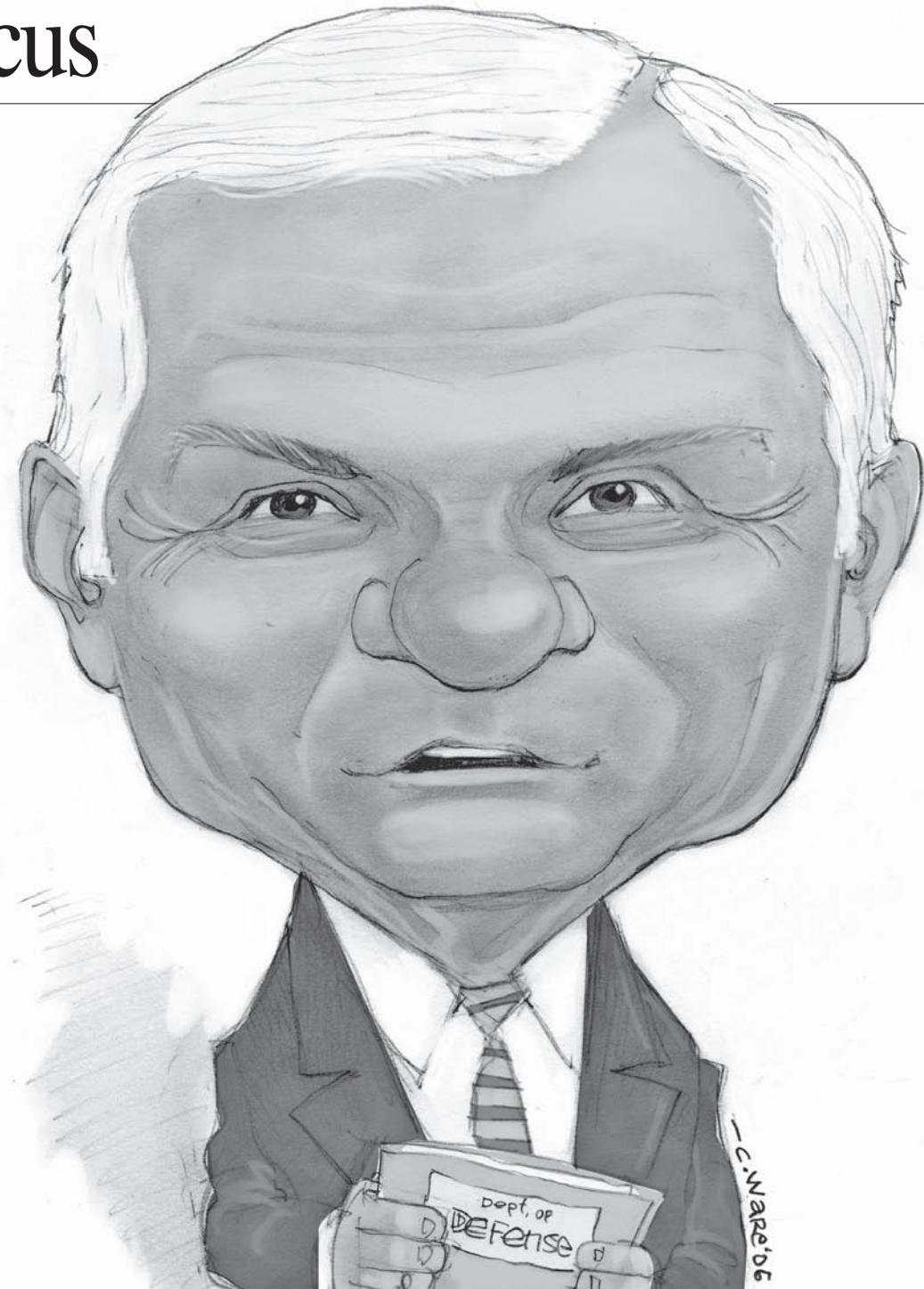
So, too, will several pieces of unfinished business, including Iraq and Afghanistan and the deteriorating relationship with Pakistan, arguably Washington's most important partner in the struggle against al-Qaida.

Gates gave little indication during his new conference that he is hopeful about Pakistan. He worked to rebuild trust between the U.S. and Pakistani militaries, but saw the relationship sour badly over the past several months. He leaves office with relations at a nadir over the U.S. raid that killed Osama bin Laden at a comfortable compound inside Pakistan.

"The things that would cause an (improvement in relations) are hard to predict right now," Gates said Thursday.

Gates arrived at the Pentagon on Dec. 18, 2006, as successor to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, who quit in the wake of a Republican beating in that November's congressional elections. The war in Iraq was failing, and many in Congress were demanding a quick exit.

Almost no one was predicting what came to



ON THE NET

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pass during Gates' first two years on the job: insurgent and sectarian violence in Iraq plummeted and the war effort assumed the look of at least a short-term success.

It will be for historians to decide how much credit Gates deserves for turning around that war. He was not involved in developing the strategy that Bush announced in January 2007 when he committed additional troops to Iraq. But Gates oversaw its execution by Army Gen. David Petraeus in Baghdad.

Gates, 67, came to the Pentagon job from the presidency of Texas A&M University. He initially retired from government service in 1993 after a 27-year career at the CIA, where he became the first entry-level employee to rise to the position of director of the spy agency.

Bush recruited him to return to Washington, mainly to oversee the stepped-up Iraq war effort. Gates made no secret of his reluctance. He carried with him a clock counting down Bush's remaining days in office, a not-so-subtle signal of his impatience to get back to retirement and leave Washington's battles behind.

But Obama talked Gates into staying on, making him the only defense secretary to be retained by a new administration. Out went the countdown clock. "It was absolutely useless," Gates chuckled.

Even as Iraq began to look better, the picture in Afghanistan grew darker.

The Taliban were on the rebound, and by spring 2009 Gates was recommending to Obama that he fire his commander there, Army Gen. David McKiernan, to put "fresh eyes" on a stalemated war. The chosen successor, Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, lasted barely a year, done in by indiscreet comments in a magazine article. Petraeus then replaced McChrystal.

When Gates retires on June 30, there will

be nearly 50,000 U.S. troops in Iraq and about 100,000 in Afghanistan. While Iraq has achieved relative stability since Gates took over, the prospects for a durable peace are uncertain.

The outlook in Afghanistan is even murkier, although the U.S. and its NATO partners have set a target date of Dec. 31, 2014, for withdrawing all their combat forces and putting Afghans fully in charge.

War statistics tell part of the story of Gates' heavy focus on the human toll.

On the day of his Senate confirmation hearing in December 2006 the U.S. death toll in Iraq stood at 2,889; this month it reached 4,460.

In Afghanistan the U.S. death count more than tripled since Gates took over, topping 1,500. Gates has signed a condolence letter to the family of every service member killed on his watch.

Gates spoke with greater bluntness about the costs of war as he approached the end of his tenure. At a Senate hearing Wednesday, he said that he measured the cost "in lives that are shattered, in bodies that are shattered, in minds that are shattered."

He finished that thought by adding that despite these costs, he and other leaders can't let them drive war strategy.

For his designated successor, CIA head Leon Panetta, Gates foresees a new set of challenges as the wars wind down.

In an Associated Press interview Monday, Gates said he worries that young officers and noncommissioned officers who have enjoyed an unusual degree of responsibility and room to innovate in Iraq and Afghanistan will come home from war to jobs in the Pentagon or at stateside bases and posts that are boring by comparison.

Panetta's Pentagon, he said, will have to find ways to avoid losing that talent and experience.

"Peace will bring its own challenges," he said.

Overdrive

MILWAUKEE—With apologies to any and all excellent drivers under the age of 20, auto shop teacher Eric Varrelmann has this straightforward advice for motorists who want to save money on gasoline:

"Stop driving like a teenager."

Translation: Avoid sudden stops and starts. Don't drive aggressively. Slow down.

The return of \$4-a-gallon gas has renewed interest in fuel-efficient cars and also called attention to money-saving driving techniques—things that didn't seem to matter so much when gas had tumbled to more-affordable levels during the recession and its aftermath.

It's a given that buying a fuel-efficient car makes greater financial sense when gas costs a lot.

Consider, when gasoline costs \$4 a gallon, a hybrid that averages, say, 45 miles per gallon and is driven a typical 15,000 miles a year will cost \$1,333 for fuel during that year.

A conventional compact car that gets 25 miles per gallon will cost \$2,400 for gas to cover those same miles—\$1,067 more than the hybrid.

And covering the same ground in an SUV that gets 15 miles per gallon would cost \$4,000 for fuel—\$2,667 more than the hybrid, and \$1,600 more than the compact.

The differential explains why smaller cars helped drive automakers to improved sales during April as oil and gas prices were surging.

Beyond trading in your car for something smaller or more efficient, there are many tried-and-true methods for getting every possible mile out of every gallon of gas, no matter what kind of car you drive.

"Everyone comes in the door and complains about their fuel economy and what can they do about it," said Varrelmann, the automotive instructor at Arrowhead High School in Milwau-

kee, who has been working on cars for 32 years.

The solutions aren't exciting, but taken together they can make a big difference—hundreds of dollars per year in fuel savings.

SLOW DOWN

Each 5 miles per hour your drive over 60 mph is like paying an extra 24 cents per gallon for gas, when gasoline is selling at \$3.96 per gallon, according to the government's fueleconomy.gov.

"Think about sticking your hand out the window at 30 mph and sticking your hand out the window at 70 mph," said Ted Bohn, a research scientist at the Argonne National Laboratory in Lamont, Ill., and an adjunct engineering instructor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. "There's a lot more force on your hand. That's the same force that your wheels have to push the car forward, and it goes up exponentially" at higher speeds.

Slowing down a bit also can keep an engine running at its most efficient level. Pushing it harder costs more. "The engine is working harder to maintain that faster speed so it's going to use more fuel to do that," said Mark Griffin, service adviser at Hands-On Garage in Milwaukee. "If you decrease your speed, you will save gas. That's pretty much just a given."



By JOE TASCHLER
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CHECK YOUR TIRES

"An underinflated tire is going to have more rolling resistance," Griffin said. "If you have four tires that are severely underinflated and you air them up, you could save yourself quite a bit of fuel."

Varrelmann said he and the students in automotive classes push a lot of cars around. He can always tell when a car's tires are underinflated because pushing it becomes more difficult.

"If it's hard for me to push, it's going to be hard for the engine to push as well," he said.

CHANGE THE OIL REGULARLY

With today's computer-controlled en-

gines, using the proper oil is important.

"Each engine is designed to run on a designated oil," Griffin said.

"Using the oil that is recommended is going to increase the efficiency of the engine, and in turn is going to increase your fuel efficiency. You

might not see drastic numbers, but in watching fuel efficiency, every little bit is going to help."

Bohn likens the situation to an exam in school.

"Is there anything I can do to get better than 100 percent on an exam? No. But every

point that I miss, my score goes down," he said.

"It's pretty certain that if you don't inflate your tires, you won't get expected fuel economy. If you drive aggressively and brake harshly and idle a lot and warm up

your car for 5 minutes before you drive, you won't get the baseline fuel economy—the expected fuel economy. You'll get less than 100 percent on this quote-unquote 'exam.'"

HEED THE "SERVICE ENGINE SOON" OR "CHECK ENGINE" LIGHT

Griffin has seen many drivers ignore warning lights because their car seemed to be running fine. "There could be a thousand different reasons why that light comes on," he said. "It's important to have that checked and have that problem fixed so it doesn't cut into your fuel economy."

"If you have a bad oxygen sensor,

your fuel mileage could be really suffering just because that computer on the vehicle isn't operating at optimum efficiency," he added.

That points to the complexity of today's engines.

"It is a complex puzzle that has to come together," Varrelmann said.

DON'T HAUL EXTRA STUFF AROUND

Golf clubs, extra weight that you added for more traction in the winter, the landscape blocks you bought over the weekend then forgot about—all can hurt gas mileage. "The rule of thumb is for every 100 pounds of stuff you carry, (you lose) another mile per gallon," Bohn said.

Manufacturers have realized this.

"The automakers are just doing everything they can to shave weight off a car," Varrelmann said.

Additional pointers from fueleconomy.gov:

- Avoid excessive idling: "Idling gets 0 miles per gallon," the site points out.

- Use cruise control: "Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed and, in most cases, will save gas."

- Plan and combine trips: "Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm."

Planning, though, is often easier said than done, especially with the frenetic lives many of us lead.

"What's the easiest way to save fuel on your trip to work? Leave earlier," Bohn said. "A lot of people say, 'I'm running late for my meeting. I have to pick it up another 5 to 10 mph.' If, on your trip, you save maybe three minutes, by driving 10 mph faster, just leave three minutes earlier."

In the real world, he acknowledges, that's often easier said than done. "That's a hard thing—planning ahead."

Safety features have autos communicating on roads

NATIONAL HARBOR, M.D.—As a Ford Explorer sped toward an intersection, a small car approaching from the right was about to blow through an imagined red light and smash into the SUV.

But while the drivers weren't communicating, their cars were: a sudden alarm to hit the brakes saved the Explorer and its passengers from getting T-boned on the closed course.

This was just one example on display recently of "intelligent vehicle" technology being developed by automakers and suppliers around the world to warn drivers of impending accidents before they happen—and in theory, prevent them.

Companies and top researchers gathered at a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration conference to show off their latest wares for radar detection and wireless devices. Test vehicles equipped with Ford's system of car-to-car communication were on hand, for example, as were similar efforts by other companies.

Some offerings went beyond just warning drivers to assisting them in taking evasive action as well—though most stopped short of fully

automated responses. German-based supplier Continental, for example, displayed a car equipped with sensors that triggered a special steering system that activated when a collision was imminent, giving drivers who wouldn't have the strength to pull the wheel hard enough the extra help to avoid the problem.

NHTSA itself is gearing up for a comprehensive yearlong pilot program set to start in 2012, in which hundreds of cars equipped with vehicle-to-vehicle communication devices will be tested in an American community. The goal is to study whether the technology can really perform as promised in a real-world setting. Several cities are in the running to be chosen, including Ann Arbor, Mich.

The results of the pilot program could result in NHTSA potentially deciding to mandate some method of vehicle-to-vehicle communication for U.S. vehicles. The auto safety agency has already put rules in place to require electronic stability control on most 2012 model-year cars and light trucks, and NHTSA officials have expressed their desire to explore more active safety methods. (*Detroit Free Press*)

UNDER THE HOOD

Clock spring brings power to steering wheel

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Q. I just had my car into the shop because the SRS light came on. They told me the reason was a bad "clock spring" in my steering wheel. I had the repair done and the light turned off but I feel a little uneasy about what this was. Is there really such a part? Could they have just reset the light and not really fixed anything?—Polly F.

A. It's too bad the repair shop representative didn't spend an extra few minutes explaining the details of your repair. There is such a thing as a clock spring; it's an electrical connection device that brings electrical power into your steering wheel. In the days before airbags a single sliding metal contact behind the steering wheel made the connection between the steering column and wheel for the horn. Aside from an occasional squeak, this worked acceptably, but was deemed not reliable enough for the air bag electrical connection.

A clock spring, also called a cable reel, wraps a multiple conductor ribbon cable into a plastic housing, similar to

a tape measure. One end of the cable connects to the stationary steering column and the other end plugs into the steering wheel. The wheel can rotate about 2-3 turns in each direction from center as the clock spring winds back and forth. The additional conductors in the cable reel can be used for steering wheel controls (buttons) for cruise control, audio system, and other features.

Clock springs occasionally get into trouble, as does any component with moving parts, and this is the most common reason for an illuminated SRS (Supplemental Restraint System) light. Binding seems to be the culprit, which damages the ribbon cable or cable connections. Replacement of the clock spring is pretty straightforward once the steering wheel is removed. One must be careful however, to center the clock spring, matching the car's straight ahead wheels upon assembly, or it may be destroyed with the first sharp turn.

It is possible to simply clear the SRS light and erase stored diagnostic trouble codes, but if this was all that was done, the light would come right back on as the system loop checks each of its circuits. From your description it

sounds like the fault was accurately diagnosed and repaired. It's unfortunate you weren't shown the faulty part along with a short explanation of why replacement was needed.

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Q. What's the best pressure for my tires? I was told not to inflate them to the pressure listed on the tire because it's too high. Wouldn't this give me the best gas mileage?—Harry Warner

A. Higher tire pressure does reduce rolling resistance, but tire pressure also needs to be balanced with the vehicle's specific needs to provide optimum handling, avoid skidding, and prevent unusual tire wear. On the driver's door or pillar you should find a sticker listing the recommended pressure. Go with these numbers rather than the maximum pressure listed on the tire. Pressure specs are for cold (pre-driven) tires.

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Life & Style

He has heard it all, including the post-apocalyptic prophecy that "it'll be me and the roaches left," Richards says with a hoarse laugh, shrugging off his reputation as a wrinkled dope survivor. "I've become a cartoonish little icon. You've got to be proud of that. If you can't take the pot shots, you shouldn't be in show business."

Richards, 67, gets the last laugh as one of the few in showbiz to hold the globe rapt for five decades. The ruggedly charming guitarist for the Rolling Stones has crafted indelible riffs, co-written some of rock's finest classics and influenced countless players with his primal, unpretentious style, often while on a rocky and reckless trail of drug habits, legal scrapes, toxic relationships and life-threatening mishaps. (A 2006 fall from a tree in Fiji required cranial neurosurgery. Residual damage? "A dent, a war wound," he says.)

The unvarnished tale unfolds in his highly praised, best-selling memoir "Life," released in October and freshly out in paperback (Back Bay Books, \$16.99). The tone is pure Keef. The Boston Phoenix asserts, "He writes the way he sings — naked, straight up, heart on sleeve," while The New York Times compares Richards' prose to his guitar playing: "intense, elemental, utterly distinctive and achingly, emotionally direct." The New Yorker dubs "Life" "a slurry romp through the life of a man who knew every pleasure, denied himself nothing and never paid the price."

What led him down a path of decadence and carefree indulgence?

"Everybody out there gave me the license," says Richards, holed up in a hotel suite the day before the "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" premiere at Disneyland. He's trim in all gray, save his bright turquoise high tops and a patterned scarf tied around a mop of shaggy gray hair. "People want to live vicariously, and they set me up. Put in that position, I'll play up to it. You want Keith? I'll give you Keith. The press invented me. It may not always be me, but people want to believe it."

Richards' wildest days are behind him. He gave up heroin in 1978 and cocaine after his head injury. He's been happily married to model Patti Hansen since 1983. He's more workaholic than alcoholic, drinking vodka sparingly these days and hustling moonlighting guitar gigs as he maneuvers to reboot the Stones in time to mark next year's 50th anniversary.

That's a ticklish issue in light of "Life's" tough love for Mick Jagger. Richards dwells on the singer's philandering and dictatorial tendencies, calls him "unbearable" and even impugns his manhood.

When Jagger read "Life" before publication, "the blue pencil was flying," Richards says. "Of course, he had a few issues. I said, 'What am I going to do, lie? After all, Mick, the book ain't about you.' I told the story straight up. He did give me a hard time throughout life. Trying to bring the man down to Earth took a while and took a toll on me. I have great respect for the man. I love him dearly, quirks and all."

When Jagger and Richards, boyhood pals since the early '50s, met in New York a month ago, "Mick pouted a bit, as is his wont," Richards says. "I told him, 'It's water under the bridge. I want to talk about the future. We're larger than a little bitching here and there. It's only rock 'n' roll.' I love working with

Keith Richards, life's ultimate survivor

By EDNA GUNDERSEN
USA Today

Mick. Maybe that friction that makes it work, that bit of sand in the oyster that makes the pearl."

The band currently is plowing through masters of 1978's "Some Girls" in search of buried gems for a reissue similar to last year's "Exile on Main Street." Jagger has a solo album in the works, and Richards has collaborated with Tom Waits and cut tracks with Steve Jordan, key member of his solo band X-Pensive Winos.

"There's a Wino-ish thing in the air," Richards says. "Not an intentional let's-put-the-Winos-together. I'm nurturing things as they go along. I saw (guitarist) Waddy Wachtel yesterday, and we've got a track or two. I love working in the studio and playing with the right cats."

But a monster milestone is looming, and Richards concedes, "Timing is everything." The Stones played their first gig at London's Marquee Club on July 12, 1962. Richards' golden anniversary wish list: a 2012 studio album and world tour.

"Something's blowing in the wind," he says. "The idea's there, we kind of know we should do it, but nobody's put their finger on the moment yet. This is what we have to ask each other: do we



want to go out in a blaze of glory? We can, if Mick and Charlie (Watts) feel like I do, that we can still turn people on. We don't have to prove nothing anymore. I just love playing, and I miss the crowd."

Marking the band's 50th anniversary with a blowout tour "does indeed seem logical, even likely," says Ray Waddell, Billboard's senior editor of touring. "If they do, and if they bill it as their last tour, which they've never done, it will without a doubt be an international blockbuster tour and a lock to be among the top tours of all time."

Besides the calendar crunch and after-"Life" discord, a pending lawsuit between longtime Stones promoter Michael Cohl and Live Nation presents another hurdle. Financial incentives may smooth the way.

U2's 360 Tour just surpassed the record \$558 million set by the Stones' Bigger Bang Tour, and the Irish quartet is expected to gross \$700 million before 360 ends in July, according to Billboard Boxscore. It also holds the record for attendance with 7 million tickets sold, pushing the Stones' Voodoo Lounge, with 6.4 million, to second place.

"If they were to pass U2 and reclaim

the record gross, it would probably be driven by ticket prices as opposed to attendance, as the unprecedented capacities on 360, as well as the sheer number of shows, is what drove that band's historic numbers," Waddell says. "If the Stones go out, given their history and likelihood that this could be their last global trek, there is no reason they wouldn't command the highest ticket prices in history, at least on the top end. And it would be worth the price."

Can the Stones reclaim the touring crown?

"I don't know and I don't care," Richards sniffs. "So what? U2 made a few mill more, or maybe not by the time the gross is done and you look at the net. Meanwhile, (Broadway's) 'Spider-Man' is going down the tubes. And I don't think they played to 2 million people in Brazil, which we did (in 2006, the largest rock concert ever)."

"U2's a good band, so why not? I hope another band eclipses both of us. Bono's an interesting guy. I wouldn't say he's my favorite guy to hang with."

He finds "Pirates" star Johnny Depp more simpatico. Richards joined Disney's franchise at the behest of Depp and plays the father of his character Jack Sparrow, a wry, mumbling buccaneer largely inspired by the guitarist.

"I get to shoot somebody," Richards says. "It's fun and a change, a bizarre other world. If you're used to rock 'n' roll, books and movies are fairly tame."

The swashbuckling pair became drinking buddies off set, though Richards says he's not the guzzler he was.

"Johnny loves red wine, and I'll drink anything that's available," he says. "If there ain't any around, I don't drink. If I think, 'I can handle this better with a drink,' I'll take it. Compared to the other stuff I did, a drink is gnat's piss."

As for that other stuff, Richards says his pharmaceutical consumption, while copious, was cautious.

"I don't recommend it for anybody else," he says, adding with a cackle, "I'm not human, after all. It's not something to emulate. It's my life. It was done out of innocence. There was no subversive intent. It was like new clothes. It was just suddenly available."

Not simply an occupational hazard, drugs "helped you make the gig, especially if you're working 350 days a year," he says. "That's like being a seal. You can't be vegetarian and straight

and play rock 'n' roll."

You can be monogamous, Richards discovered. He had three children with Anita Pallenberg and flings with Ronnie Spector and Marianne Faithfull (partly as payback to Jagger for bedding Pallenberg) before settling down with Hansen.

"If you're married to Patti Hansen, you don't want to switch," he says. "She's the most wonderful woman in the world. I love her more every day, and that's after almost 30 years of marriage. If anyone can keep me on the straight and narrow, she's the one."

Hansen survived bladder cancer, diagnosed in 2007, a scare that sent her usually unflappable husband into a tailspin.

"I didn't handle it that well," he says. "It knocked me backwards. I didn't get the full impact because she was trying to shield me. I had to pretend everything's cool because someone has to not freak out, but it was a terrible jolt."

He was less taken aback when the couple's daughter Theodora, 26, was arrested in March for scrawling on a Soho convent wall and possessing marijuana.

"She got popped for graffiti, and they found a little pot in her handbag," dad says. "That was a wake-up call for her. She went to the tank for the night, didn't pull any strings, didn't say, 'Do you know who my dad is?' She went to court, did her community service. I admire the way she handled it."

Richards is no stranger to the blunders of youth. Writing "Life" brought those lessons into sharper focus.

"I realized how stupid I could be at time," he says. "What a dummy. In context, it's not so crazy. I didn't want to put anyone else at risk, but I wanted to test everything, and myself."

The redeeming love story at "Life's" core is between Richards and his guitar.

The book, a notch above most rock autobiographies, "is terrific when Richards writes about the music," says Greg Kot, Chicago Tribune music critic and co-author of "The Beatles vs. The Rolling Stones: Sound Opinions on the Great Rock 'n' Roll Rivalry."

"He sees the Stones as a small, versatile rhythm section that expertly manipulated silence and drone. That's why he was never the showboat soloist; that group sound — in the tradition of the Muddy Waters Band or Jimmy Reed's group — was the important thing. That band, that sound was his mission, though it was eventually derailed by heroin. The human relations, they all fell by the wayside, didn't they? He failed at relationships, whether it was with Mick Jagger, friends, associates, wives, children. He treats all of them far more blithely than he does the music, which remains sacred."

"Life" is on the shelf but Richards' life isn't. Overwhelmed by the reaction to the book, he may consider a sequel.

"Not a lot of cats get to be No. 1 on their first bash at it," he says. "I might fill in the gaps later. It's not the bible, but I didn't realize what a task it would be. You try being Keith Richards twice in one lifetime."

Noah Wyle stars in drama about alien invasion

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NEW YORK (AP)—These days, Noah Wyle occupies a world devastated by alien invaders.

On his new TNT sci-fi series “Falling Skies,” he plays Tom Mason, a Boston University history professor whose wife was killed and one of his three sons taken captive in the alien attack.

Tom is second-in-command of a ragtag regiment of survivors in a ravaged Boston suburb. The odds against them seem insurmountable. But they are fighting back. In his new role, Wyle is facing even more challenges than, years ago, in that Chicago emergency room.

On “Falling Skies” (which premieres Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT) there are threats aplenty

from the mysterious, multi-legged aliens (nicknamed “skitters” by the humans) and the killing-machine robots they sic on the Earthlings.

“But there are larger themes,” Wyle says. “Beyond surviving, the human characters will need to create the template for the next civilization, which probably won’t even be realized in their own lifetimes.”

In short, Tom Mason is a history professor helping create new history by looking to the past.

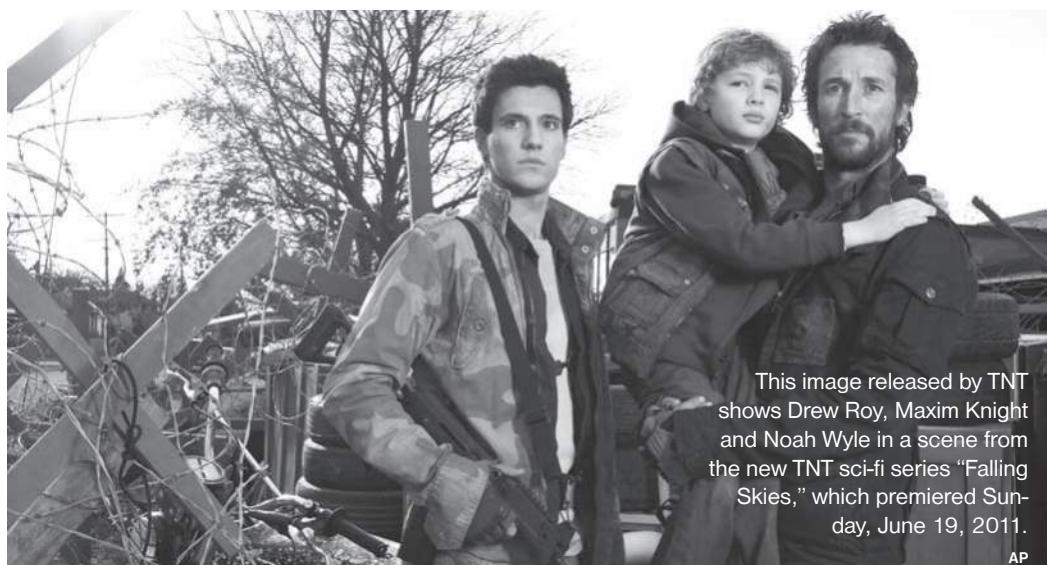
“History is full of inferior forces creating so much trouble that the invading army leaves,” Tom tries to reassure his comrades as he reels off several encouraging examples, including a modern case: “Red Socks, Yankees, ‘04.”

Wyle says he wasn’t looking

to do another series and, while he isn’t the first TV star to have said that, he makes it sound convincing. After all, his 11-year weekly hitch as Dr. John Carter on NBC’s “ER,” which ended in 2005, established him as a mainstay of the last blockbuster drama viewers may ever see. What follow-up series could measure up?

“After ‘ER,’ I wanted to be a stay-at-home dad for a while,” Wyle says. (Divorced last year, he has a son, Owen, now 8, and a 5-year-old daughter, Auden.) “The game plan, such as it was, was to stay away from episodic television, and try to rebuild my career in a post-‘ER’ world.”

But the persistence of TNT (for which Wyle made three films in the “Librarian” adventure franchise) wore him down with offers for pilot deals, he



This image released by TNT shows Drew Roy, Maxim Knight and Noah Wyle in a scene from the new TNT sci-fi series “Falling Skies,” which premiered Sunday, June 19, 2011. AP

says. So a couple of years ago, he sought out the advice of a trusted counselor. He presented his son, Owen, with three series options: He could be a lawyer or a police detective or an alien fighter.

Owen shot him a you’re-kidding-me look, Wyle recalls. The choice was obvious: An alien fighter Wyle would be.

The impact of his decision? “To get this kind of street credibility with my son—it’s huge,” Wyle says with a smile.

“But with the birth of my kids, I started to really look at my career through their eyes more than my own,” he declares. “So that does dictate choice, steering me toward certain things and away from other things.”

Wyle had his own reasons, too, for saying yes to “Falling Skies.” He identified with Tom’s devotion to his sons, and admired Tom’s sense of social duty.

“And there’s the grief and loss that he struggles to rebound from,” Wyle adds. “These are all themes I’m interested in exploring in my own life.”

Now 40, he is 6 feet and 2 inches (1.87 meters) and rangy, and retains the boyish air that first earned him heartthrob status two decades ago. He is laid-back but reflective, with those arched, guileless eyebrows that seem to certify everything he says.

Wyle’s co-stars include Moon Bloodgood as a comely pediatrician who lost her only son in the attack six months earlier. Will

Patton is the hard-line commander of the regiment with whom Wyle’s character often clashes. And Drew Roy plays Tom’s oldest son, who fights against the invaders alongside his father.

Playing Tom’s 8-year-old youngest son is Maxim Knight, who “paid me the nicest compliment he could have,” Wyle says. “He told his mother after we filmed a scene that ended with us embracing, ‘He hugs like a dad.’”

Executive producers include Steven Spielberg, Graham Yost (“Justified”) and Robert Rodat, who got an Oscar nomination for his screenplay for “Saving Private Ryan” and wrote the “Falling Skies” pilot from an idea he and Spielberg co-conceived.

Jolie visits refugees who fled Libya, Tunisia

LAMPEDUSA, Italy (AP)—Angelina Jolie traveled to the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa on Sunday to thank its residents for welcoming in the estimated 20,000 migrants who arrived after fleeing unrest in Tunisia and Libya.

Jolie, a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, toured a migrant holding center, chatted with some refugees and then participated in a ceremony at Lampedusa’s memorial for migrants lost at sea as part of commemorations for World Refugee Day on Monday.

“It is very hard to imagine looking out at this beautiful sea how many people have risked their lives and how many people have risked their children’s lives and so many of them have lost their lives at sea,” she said.

She thanked the residents who gathered for the ceremony for welcoming the migrants in and asked them to consider how “horrible” their lives must have been that they would risk everything for the chance of a better life in Europe.

“Can you imagine how it must feel to finally cross in” to Italy? she asked. “For the coast guard to save them and carry them to safety, save their children’s lives and give them a chance to survive and to have a future, and what it means to them,” said Jolie, wearing a plain black blouse and jacket.

U.N. refugee chief Antonio Guterres also was on hand to urge Europe to continue keeping its doors open to refugees.

Italy’s center-right government has begrudgingly accepted the migrants. It has also struck deals with Tunisia and the Libyan opposition to return those who



don’t qualify for asylum.

Guterres said the debate in Europe about immigration “doesn’t correspond to the reality,” given that the number of African migrants who have arrived in Europe is a fraction of the numbers who have gone elsewhere, such as Tunisia or Egypt.

“Obviously, for a small island like Lampedusa, to have such a large number of people coming is a huge pressure,” he told reporters. “But for Europe as a whole, it is a drop in the ocean, and so I believe that with an

adequate form of solidarity this challenge can be overcome.”

Lampedusa, with a permanent population of 6,000, was overwhelmed this spring by waves of refugees fleeing the social uprising in Tunisia, with an estimated 20,000 arriving on the island, which is closer to Africa than mainland Italy. Boats continue to arrive from Libya, but eventually the refugees are transferred to holding centers elsewhere in Italy or sent back home unless they qualify for asylum.

Pope Benedict XVI urged countries to welcome refugees for as long as they need sanctuary in a message delivered Sunday while visiting the tiny republic of San Marino, itself founded in the early 4th century by a Christian refugee from Croatia.

“I invite civil authorities and every one of good will to guarantee a welcome and dignified living conditions for refugees until they can return to their countries freely and safely,” Benedict said.

Yet as he spoke, members of Premier Silvio Berlusconi’s government heated up the anti-immigrant rhetoric during an annual rally of the xenophobic Northern League party near the northern city of Bergamo.

Interior Minister Roberto Maroni drew cheers from the crowd when he boasted of the hardline policies he has pushed through to return migrants back to their home countries.

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Green Lantern

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Ryan Reynolds, Blake Lively
Action • PG 13

Synopsis

The DC Comics character The Green Lantern is given his own feature with this Warner Bros. production that follows the Hal Jordan incarnation of the character. Casino Royale’s Martin Campbell directs Ryan Reynolds in the title role.



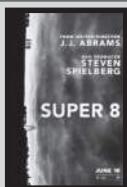
Mr. Popper's Penguins

Frid & Sat 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:50
Sun thru Thurs 1:20 4:20 7:20

Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino
Children’s/family, Comedy • PG

Synopsis

Adventure-loving house painter Mr. Popper (Jim Carrey) contends with the problem of having too many penguins in director Mark S. Waters’ adaptation of author Richard Atwater’s beloved children’s book. Shortly after penning a letter to a team of Arctic explorers, Mr. Popper is surprised to receive a penguin in the mail. Later, after making his mischievous new pal a cozy new home in the freezer, the hapless Mr. Popper comes into possession of a playful female penguin as well.



Super 8

Frid & Sat 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:55
Sun thru Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Kyle Chandler, Elle Fanning
Science Fiction • PG 13

Synopsis

Writer/director J.J. Abrams teams with producer Steven Spielberg for this period sci-fi thriller set in the late 70s, and centering on a mysterious train crash in a small Ohio town. Summer, 1979: a group of young friends are filming a Super-8 movie when a pickup truck derails a speeding train. When the locals start to disappear and even the inquisitive deputy can’t come up with answers, suspicions emerge that the incident was anything but an accident.



Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer

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Sun thru Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

Jordana Beatty, Heather Graham
Children’s/family • PG

X-Men: First Class

Frid & Sat 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:40
Sun thru Thurs 1:10 4:10 7:10

James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender
Action, Fantasy • PG 13



Kung Fu Panda 2

Frid & Sat 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
Sun thru Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

Jack Black, Angelina Jolie
Children’s Family • Rated PG

The Hangover Part 2

Frid & Sat 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:40
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Bradley Cooper, Zack Galifianakis
Comedy • Rated R

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21-year-old Californian wins Miss USA crown

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A 21-year-old auburn-haired California girl won the Miss USA crown on Sunday night and will represent the nation in this year's Miss Universe pageant in September in Brazil.

Alyssa Campanella of Los Angeles topped a field of 51 beauty queens to take the title at the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. She strutted across the stage in a blue bikini with white polka dots and a dark turquoise evening gown with beading on its top.

She also answered a question about legalizing marijuana by saying she didn't think it should be fully legalized as a solution to help ailing economies.

"Well, I understand why that question would be asked, especially with today's economy, but I also understand that medical marijuana is very important to help those who need it medically," she said. "I'm not sure if it should be legalized, if it would really affect, with the drug war. I mean, it's abused today, unfortunately, so that's the only reason why I would kind of be a little bit against it, but medically it's OK."



Alyssa Campanella, Miss California, reacts after being crowned the 2011 Miss USA, Sunday, June 19, 2011, in Las Vegas.

Miss Tennessee Ashley Durham was the first runner-up, while contestants from Alabama and Texas placed third and fourth.

Campanella, a natural blonde, said she dyed her hair six years ago for a part in a play, for a "fiery" character with whom she found she had traits in common.

"It's really brought out the true Alyssa Campanella, I feel, and that's why I really enjoy being a redhead," she said.

Campanella replaces Miss USA 2010 Rima Fakih. The Michigan woman teared up as she walked across the stage for a final goodbye.

The pageant had three competitions: swimsuit, evening gown and interview question.

The contestants were whittled to 16 after the show's opening number, in which the beauty queens introduced themselves one-by-one. The top 16 were picked by preliminary judges through competitions and interviews during the week before the telecast. Celebrity judges picked the top eight after the swimsuit competition and the top 4 after the evening gown portion.

Ailing Amy Winehouse cancels part of European tour

LONDON (AP)—Amy Winehouse canceled part of her European tour on Sunday, a day after the British singer was heavily booed for being late and displaying erratic behavior on stage during a concert in Serbia.

The concert late Saturday in the Serbian capital of Belgrade kicked off what was to be a 12-date tour of Europe. But Winehouse decided to cancel appearances in Istanbul on Monday and in Athens on Wednesday, according to a statement from publicity company Outside Organization.

Her representatives said it would be "worked out as soon as possible" whether she would attend the rest of her European tour. The next scheduled concert date after Athens is July 8

in Bilbao, Spain. The tour was to end in Bucharest, Romania, on Aug. 15.

Winehouse would like to say sorry to fans expecting to see her in Turkey and Greece, but "feels that this is the right thing to do," the statement said.

"Despite feeling sure that she wanted to fulfill these commitments, she has agreed with management that she cannot perform to the best of her ability and will return home," it added.

There was no further explanation for exactly why Winehouse was canceling.

But Winehouse, who has publicly struggled for years with drug and alcohol issues, was jeered as she performed in Belgrade. She arrived almost an hour late before stumbling

to the stage and appearing unable to remember the lyrics to her songs. She dropped the microphone, mumbled through her songs and occasionally disappeared, leaving her band to keep on playing.

A video posted on YouTube shows Winehouse wildly staggering around while trying to sing and stopping several times in mid-verse, looking over to her bandmates for help. At one point, she calls over a backup singer to fill in for her.

Serbian media described the concert before 20,000 fans as a "scandal" and a "disaster." The Blic daily said the concert was "the worst in the history of Belgrade."

The crowd at Belgrade's Kalemegdan Park could hardly tell which song Winehouse was

singing and responded angrily. Many walked out in disappointment.

"It was horrible," said Ivana Bilic. "She should have canceled the whole thing, rather than appear at all like this."

The Daily Blic posted a clip from the concert on its website, commenting, "Listen if you dare."

Tickets cost about euro40 (\$57)—very expensive in the country where average salaries are about euro300 (\$428) a month.

Winehouse recently spent a week at a rehab program in London. Her 2006 breakthrough album "Back to Black" won five Grammy Awards, but her music in recent years has been overshadowed by her drug use and run-ins with the law.

Reynolds' 'Lantern' has low-beam debut of \$52.7M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Ryan Reynolds is the latest superhero to rule the weekend box office.

Reynolds' "Green Lantern" debuted at No. 1 with \$52.7 million domestically, a fair but unremarkable opening stacked up against other comic-book adaptations. The movie added \$17 million in a handful of overseas markets where it has opened, including Great Britain and Russia.

Released by Warner Bros., "Green Lantern" brought up the rear among superhero movies to open so far this summer, behind the \$65.7 million debut of "Thor" and the \$55.1 million launch of "X-Men: First Class."

The previous weekend's top flick, Paramount Pictures' sci-fi adventure "Super 8," slipped to No. 2 with \$21.3 million. Its domestic total rose to \$72.8 million. Jim Carrey's family comedy "Mr. Popper's Penguins" had a frosty start as the 20th Century Fox release came in at No. 3 with \$18.2 million.

Overall business cooled for the second-straight weekend. Hollywood revenues totaled \$149 million, down a steep 25 percent from the same weekend last year, when Disney's Pixar Animation blockbuster "Toy Story 3" debuted with \$110.3 million, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Receipts this summer season still are ahead of last year's, with

1. "Green Lantern," \$52.7 million (\$17 million international).
2. "Super 8," \$21.3 million.
3. "Mr. Popper's Penguins," \$18.2 million.
4. "X-Men: First Class," \$11.5 million.
5. "The Hangover Part II," \$9.6 million (\$21.4 million international).
6. "Kung Fu Panda 2," \$8.7 million (\$52.5 million).
7. "Bridesmaids," \$7.5 million (\$7.3 million international).
8. "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," \$6.2 million (\$25.9 million international).
9. "Midnight in Paris," \$5.2 million.
10. "Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer," \$2.2 million.

Wife should have some say in who sleeps with whom

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I couldn't believe your response to "Stumped and Trumped in Ohio" (May 12). You made a point of saying to the father that his daughter and her boyfriend are in HIS house and they should abide by HIS rules and sleep in separate bedrooms. It's his wife's house, too, and she thought it was fine for them to share a room. Since when should the man's opinion automatically trump the woman's?

Furthermore, what about hypocrisy? He admitted that he and his wife were indulging in "premarital mambo," as he so quaintly puts it. In this day and age, you can assume his daughter and the boyfriend are as well, especially since they wanted to stay in the same room. So it was OK for him, but it's offensive when they do it?

Nonetheless, it is the parents' house. If they had mutually agreed that the youngsters should sleep in separate rooms, so be it. This is something the husband and wife should have worked out together before "Julie" brought her boyfriend home for a visit. But in saying it's the man's house and everyone should abide by the man's rules, you insulted women everywhere.

BURNED UP IN SPRINGFIELD, N.J.



Dear Abby

DEAR BURNED UP: You're right. I was clumsy. While I agree with you that the writer and his wife should have reached a mutual agreement before the daughter and her boyfriend arrived, they didn't. Call me a stick-in-the-mud, but I don't think an unmarried houseguest has a "right" to share a bedroom if EITHER parent is uncomfortable with it. And while the father may know his daughter is having sex, theoretically, I'm sure he isn't the only parent who would prefer it was "out of sight, out of mind." Readers were divided about this:

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were dating, and even after he moved in with me before we married, whenever we visited his parents' home, I always slept in the guest room. Why? Out of respect for his parents' wishes. It was never something that was asked of me. I did it out of respect for someone else's home.

This man's wife caved under false pressure. The daughter will visit just as often. Sleeping arrangements rarely stop someone from visiting. If the new boyfriend stops accompanying her, then everyone should realize he's not worth his salt. Respectful adults don't just "happen"; they are raised that way.

REBECCA IN ST. PAUL

DEAR ABBY: Today's letter had my blood boiling. I wholeheartedly agree that rules of a household should be respected. However, the father's objection to his daughter and her boyfriend sleeping in the same room isn't about respecting his "wishes." He's upset because he's trying to control his daughter, and he isn't willing to accept that she's grown up and deserves the same freedom he and his wife had. I'm surprised you encouraged him, given that he made it clear he had no problem with premarital sex. He's a blatant hypocrite.

CAITLIN IN L.A.

DEAR ABBY: I think guests, including children and grandchildren, who live together in today's world should be allowed to share a room. Times have changed. Prudishness is out of date.

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DEAR ABBY: Before my husband and I married, we visited my straitlaced aunt. Neither of us expected to sleep together there. If you don't want someone's morals imposed on you, what gives you the right to impose your looser morals on them?

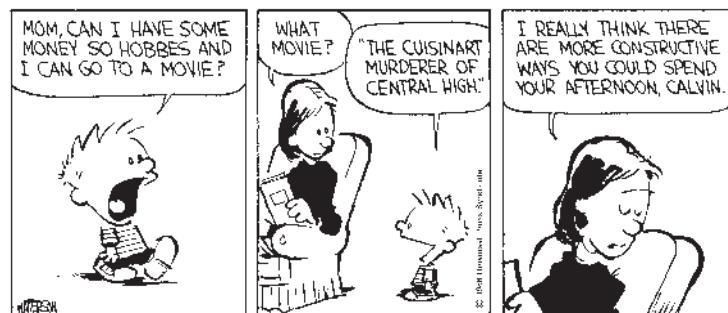
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Solution time: 21 mins.



Yesterday's answer 6-21

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kris Allen, 26; Prince William, 29; Juliette Lewis, 38; Meredith Baxter, 64

Happy Birthday: You will have to oversee anything that is being done for you. Arguments will stem from misunderstandings. Anger will get you nowhere. Don't take a risk when stability is the goal. Put pressure on a partnership if it will help you get ahead. Your numbers are 4, 12, 16, 23, 30, 41, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use past experience wisely, especially when dealing with friends, family or neighbors. Don't let your indecisiveness cause you to miss out on something that should be yours. Good fortune awaits if you are willing to step up and take charge. ☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Greater opportunities are heading in your direction. Talk to the experts and find out what will be required to get a project up and running. Help will be offered as well as unique suggestions. ☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional deception is likely to sway your decision. You will have to be prepared to change your mind quickly should someone try to take advantage of you. Impulse purchases will not live up to your expectations. ☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expand your awareness. Learn about different traditions, cultures, languages and lifestyles. Reconnecting with someone from your past will help you reestablish some of your

goals. Fair play is required. Keep things simple. ☀️☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't overstep your bounds. Avoid taking on too much or falling short of your goals. A financial matter that entails a personal relationship will leave you dangling should you invest your time or money. ☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take any chances when it comes to partnerships or your professional position. Picking up new skills will help alleviate stress. Make plans to get together with someone you love. A mini vacation will improve your personal outlook. ☀️☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pick up the pace and you will reach your goals. Depression and giving in to pressure must be kept in check. Make up your mind what you want and refuse to budge. You have more leverage than you realize. ☀️☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk will help you connect with people who have similar interests or information that will help you to make a calculated move. Money is heading your way from an unusual or unexpected source. Keep home improvements within budget. ☀️☀️☀️

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't fight the impossible. Trying to get out of a promise will not be easy. Stick to the truth if you want to avoid problems in the future. A partner will question what you are doing. A professional opportunity is apparent. ☀️☀️

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Trust your

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own instincts and rely on what you know and who to help you get ahead. Changes at home will bring you closer to your friends and family. Don't limit the possibilities because you are afraid to take on more responsibilities. ☀️☀️☀️

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sign up for an interest course or an activity that allows you to develop new skills or network with people from different backgrounds. Love is in the stars. Whether you are in a relationship or not, making an effort to improve your personal life will bring beneficial results. ☀️☀️

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be emotionally up and down. Don't make a decision that can affect your home and family. Love may be on the line if you or someone you care about withholds information. Speak from the heart. ☀️☀️

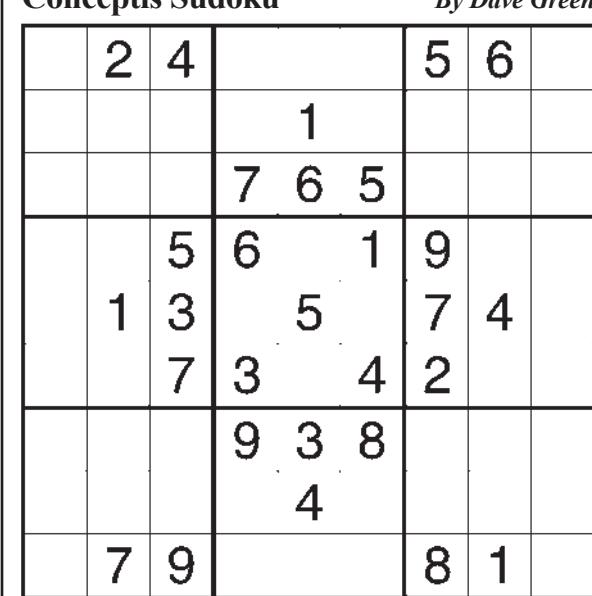
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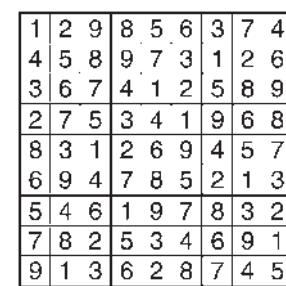
By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★★

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
 - A. Call to Order
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Adoption of Minutes of Meetings
 - 1. May 17, 2011 (Regular)
 - 2. May 20, 2011 (Special)
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS
 - A. Communications
 - 1. Chairman/Trustees
 - 2. Status / Updates
 - 3. Administrative
 - 4. Investments
 - 5. Accounting
 - 1. NMI Retirement Fund
 - 2. GHLTIF
 - B. Board Committees
 - 1. Operations, Personnel and Review
 - 2. Finance & Investment
 - C. Internal Auditor
- IV. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Organizational Structure
 - B. Pension Software Update
 - C. Bylaw Amendments
 - D. Regulation Amendments – Adoption as Permanent
 - 1. COLA / Annual Retirement Bonus
 - 2. Education Credit
 - E. PSS Lease
 - 1. Lease
 - 2. Commission
 - F. MHL Delinquencies
 - G. Performance Evaluation of Current Money Managers
 - H. Actuarial Rate
 - I. Securities Lending
- V. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. International Equities Account
 - B. FY2010 Financial Audit
 - C. Travel / Training Budget
- VI. LEGAL MATTERS
 - A. Reports
 - B. Legal / Board Counsel
- VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- VIII. MISCELLANEOUS
 - A. Other Related Matters
 - B. Next Meeting
 - C. Adjournment

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The following items are included in the agenda:

- I. Preliminary Matters
 - 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Roll Call
 - 3. Presence of Quorum
- II. Consent Items
 - 1. Adoption of Agenda
 - 2. Adoption of Parole Hearing Minutes – February 17, 2011
- III. Parole Application BOP No. Criminal Case No.
 - 1. Oscar Reyes Babauta 11-003 97-0031
 - 2. Elaine Quitugua Terlaje 09-017 07-0107C
 - 3. James Michael Fitzgerald 11-005 08-0054E
- IV. Revocation BOP No. Criminal Case No.
 - 1. Ignacio M. Leon Guerrero 09-RA-002 07-0100B
- V. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Other Matters
- VI. Adjournment

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Red Sox crush Brewers, 12-3

BOSTON (AP)—Boston's Kevin Youkilis hit a three-run homer to highlight a six-run first inning that set up the Red Sox for a 12-3 win over the Milwaukee Brewers in Sunday's clash of divisional leaders in Major League Baseball interleague play.

Dustin Pedroia had a solo homer and drove in two runs, and Marco Scutaro hit a two-run shot for the Red Sox, who won for the 13th time in 15 games.

Boston knuckleballer Tim Wakefield (4-2) struck out six and walked just one in posting his 183rd career win with the Red Sox.

Brewers starter Yovani Gallardo (8-4) was tagged for eight runs in three-plus innings.

Mariners 2, Phillies 0

In Seattle, Jason Vargas pitched his second shutout of the season, leading Seattle over Philadelphia.

Vargas (5-4) not only kept pace with Phillies starter Cole Hamels, he exceeded and outlasted him in his third career complete game. He allowed just two singles and six base-runners. After a two-out walk in the fourth, he retired the next 15 straight batters.

Hamels (9-3) was denied a chance at becoming the first pitcher in the majors to reach 10 wins. It also ended his career-best five-game win streak. He gave up seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Braves 4, Rangers 2

In Atlanta, Jason Heyward hit a two-run single in the third inning that set up Atlanta's win over Texas.

Freddie Freeman added an RBI double in the seventh to help Jair Jurrjens (9-3) earn his ninth victory for Atlanta. Jurrjens allowed one run in 5 1-3 innings. He lowered his NL-best ERA to 2.11.

Rangers starter Alexi Ogando (7-2) gave up three runs.

Tigers 9, Rockies 1

In Denver, Justin Verlander threw his second straight complete game as Detroit easily ac-



Boston Red Sox's Dustin Pedroia, right, celebrates his solo home run with teammate Kevin Youkilis in the fourth inning of an interleague baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers in Boston, Sunday, June 19, 2011. AP

counted for Colorado.

Verlander (9-3) already has four complete games, matching his total from last year. He retired 13 of the first 14 batters he faced to help the Tigers salvage the finale of the weekend series.

Brennan Boesch and Miguel Cabrera each homered for Detroit.

The Rockies got a less-than-stellar outing from Aaron Cook (0-2), who allowed four runs in five innings.

White Sox 8, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Phil Humber pitched effectively into the eighth inning, guiding Chicago to a comfortable win over Arizona.

Paul Konerko hit a homer for the third straight game; a solo shot that brought him level with Harold Baines for 56th on the career list with 384.

Alex Rios added a solo shot off Josh Collmenter (4-3) and Alexei Ramirez drove in two on a pair of groundouts. Pierzynski capped a five-run eighth inning with a three-run double, sending Humber (7-3) to his fourth straight win.

Indians 5, Pirates 2, 11 innings

In Cleveland, Cord Phelps hit his first major league homer in the 11th inning, a three-run shot that lifted Cleveland over Pittsburgh, completing a three-game sweep.

Carlos Santana also connected and the AL Central leaders improved to 23-12 at home by pulling out a game that was delayed by rain in the eighth inning for 1 hour, 57 minutes.

Shin-Soo Choo singled off Tim Wood (0-1) with one out in the 11th for his third hit and stole second. An intentional walk brought up Phelps, who came to bat hitting .100 (2 for 20) since being called up from the minors.

Indians reliever Tony Sipp (3-0) worked a scoreless 11th to take the win.

Reds 2, Blue Jays 1

In Cincinnati, Miguel Cairo hit a two-run homer in the sixth to end Cincinnati's streak of 16 scoreless innings and secure victory over Toronto.

The Reds got their first win over an AL team this season after dropping their previous five interleague games.

Bronson Arroyo (6-6) gave up one run in a season-high eight innings. He had lost five straight decisions against Toronto.

Blue Jays starter Carlos Villanueva (4-1) lost for the first time since 2009, with Milwaukee, where he was a reliever the last two years.

Athletics 2, Giants 1

In Oakland, Landon Powell hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth, his first homer of the season, to help Oakland complete a three-game sweep of Bay rival San Francisco.

Powell, making a rare start in place of catcher Kurt Suzuki, went deep off reliever Jeremy Affeldt (1-1).

Athletics starter Trevor Cahill (7-5) pitched eight innings to win for the first time since May 9. He had seven strikeouts.

Rays 2, Marlins 1

In St. Petersburg, Florida parted ways with manager Edwin Rodriguez before the game and went on to suffer a 10th straight loss, beaten by state rival Tampa Bay.

Rodriguez unexpectedly resigned before the game, and the

mentation of HGH testing" in the negotiations.

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last-placed Marlins dropped to 1-18 in June. Bench coach Brandon Hyde managed Sunday, but the club will begin a search for an interim manager.

Rays starter James Shields (7-4) threw 10 strikeouts in his second consecutive complete game. He has a majors-best five complete games this season.

Matt Joyce singled to open the eighth against Florida reliever Ryan Webb (1-4) and went to second when Webb misplayed a potential double-play grounder. Casey Kotchman then made it 2-1 with a single down the third-base line.

Cardinals 5, Royals 4

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols sprained his left wrist trying to make a tag at first base but St. Louis recovered to beat Kansas City.

Pujols was injured in the sixth and the three-time NL MVP left the game. He will be evaluated on Monday. Pujols went 3 for 3 with his 17th home run.

Skip Schumaker homered the winning run in the ninth inning off Tim Collins (3-4), the fifth Royals pitcher.

St. Louis reliever Fernando Salas (4-1) got the win despite his second blown save in 15 attempts, allowing a tying homer.

Yankees 10, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Nick Swisher hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the eighth inning to lift New York over Chicago.

Brett Gardner added his first career leadoff homer for the Yankees, Swisher finished with four RBIs and Alex Rodriguez helped spark New York's offense with three hits and a walk.

Chicago's Sean Marshall (3-2) pitched a perfect seventh, but failed to record an out in the eighth and was charged with two runs.

Alfonso Soriano's three-run shot off C.C. Sabathia (9-4) made it 4-1 in the third inning, but that was it for the Cubs.

Dodgers 1, Astros 0

In Los Angeles, Dioner Navarro homered in the eighth inning for the sole run in Los Angeles' win over Houston.

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hits in seven innings and threw a career-high 117 pitches.

Erick Aybar hit a bases-loaded triple while Vernon Wells hit a solo homer and two RBI singles for the Angels, who didn't score a run for Chatwood in any of his previous three starts.

Mets starter Jonathon Niese (6-6) was charged with four earned runs before he was relieved in the fifth.

Orioles 7, Nationals 4

In Washington, Baltimore ended Washington's eight-game winning streak.

Mark Reynolds had three hits, including a home run, J.J. Hardy also homered and Craig Tatum drove in two runs to back starter Chris Jakubauskas (2-0), who pitched five innings for the win and had his first two major league hits. He allowed six hits, striking out six and walking one.

In his first start since overcoming injury, Nationals' Tom Gorzelanny (2-5) allowed five runs in 4 2-3 innings.

Washington's eight-game winning streak was its longest since June 2005.

Twins 5, Padres 4

In Minneapolis, Minnesota's winning streak reached seven games with a tight victory over San Diego.

Drew Butera's single scored Delmon Young in the bottom of the ninth for the winner. Young led off the ninth with an infield single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Butera's grounder bounced off the glove of a diving third baseman and into left field, allowing Young to score.

Alex Burnett (2-4) pitched one inning for the win. Chad Qualls (3-3) took the loss.

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The Bills, however, preferred to count bonuses as dollars spent for each specific season no matter the contract's length, so their payroll essentially was limited to all the salaries on their books for that one season—including potential bonuses and salaries owed to players that had been cut or bought out.

Whether teams would have that kind of flexibility in the next CBA is important to the lower-revenue franchises.

Until now, the owners have appeared unified, from when they opted out to when they locked out. But as negotiations have ramped up, a faction of owners skeptical about the dynamics of a new deal has appeared. That will make next week's owners' meetings critical as July approaches.

Reaching a deal not a done deal



NEW YORK (AP)—Reaching a labor deal soon is hardly a done deal in the NFL.

Team owners will be updated on recent negotiations with the players when they meet in Chicago on Tuesday. They've been told to prepare to stay an extra day because of the complexity of the proposals both sides have discussed in sessions over the last three weeks.

Getting the required 24 of 32 owners to agree on anything can be difficult, let alone something as complex as a new collective bargaining agreement. And there has been enough pushback from owners familiar with those proposals that prog-

ress made recently might not lead to an agreement in the next few weeks.

Still, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations, the faction of unhappy owners that exists isn't yet large enough to derail an agreement. That could lead to some heavy lobbying in Chicago at the first owners' meeting specifically scheduled to deal with the lockout.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because details of the negotiations are not supposed to be made public, said a new CBA is not imminent.

Owners, Commissioner Roger Goodell and lead negotiator

Jeff Pash have been silent about recent developments, citing an agreement with U.S. Magistrate Judge Arthur Boylan not to discuss mediated talks. Players association chief DeMaurice Smith and several players on hand for the negotiations also have avoided comment.

Earlier this week, Goodell responded to a letter he and Smith received from two Congressmen calling for the NFL to adopt a "thorough testing program for HGH."

Goodell said in his reply dated June 13 that testing for HGH "is a critical element of an effective and credible drug testing program" and the league is insisting on "immediate imple-

mentation of HGH testing" in the negotiations.

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which is very positive. It's what we always hoped for as players because obviously we're getting to crunch time here. We're nearing July and there's a lot of work that needs to be done (footballwise) between now and when the season will start, and obviously we'd love to have a settlement in place."

One item of contention likely is the minimum teams can spend on salaries each year and how it is determined, a key for small-market franchises such as Buffalo, Jacksonville and Cincinnati.

Under rules of the previous CBA negotiated in 2006—owners opted out in 2008—teams were allowed to spread guaranteed signing bonuses over the duration of a contract. That reduced the salary cap hit each year.

Father's Day a special start to Wade's summer



MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Dwyane Wade is getting used to being a father. And a son.

This is a Father's Day weekend like none other for the Miami Heat star. Instead of lamenting over the NBA finals loss to the Dallas Mavericks—yes, it still hurts, to the point where he's still avoiding television in case replays pop up—he was spending Saturday flanked by his two sons and their onceestranged grandfather at a jam-packed South Florida water park, enduring long lines because it's what his kids wanted.

Three generations of family, together.

It wasn't long ago when Wade feared he wouldn't have any of them as mainstays in his life. Not anymore.

"It makes me feel whole," Wade said.

This is the Heat star's new normal: 6:45 a.m. alarm clocks in the house because his kids like to rise early, schedules posted everywhere to coordinate where everyone is, reviewing daily logs from the nanny when he's traveling, karate lessons and Spanish classes and carpooling and video games and birthday parties.

He could have spent his days in clubs surrounded by bottles of bubbly; instead, on his kitchen counter these days, there's a bottle of bubbles.

He's never been happier.

The financial aspects of his divorce from Siohvaughn Funches Wade may not be complete until fall, but the marriage is officially dissolved and he now controls custody of his children—9-year-old Zaire and 4-year-old Zion. On Father's Day, that's enough to at least soothe the small matter of getting to the NBA finals and seeing someone else hoist the trophy.

"Every day, I'm constantly learning how different they are, which is crazy," Wade said during an interview with The Associated Press at his gated home. "Zaire, his personality is starting to come out. He's always on the move. He's into girls now. He's always busy. He's into everything. Zion is all about him. Zaire will share. Zion, he knows everything's about him. I learn more every day."

As he's saying this, Wade is sitting in a room with a U-shaped couch that could probably sit 20 people comfortably, with a dark hardwood floor and view of his backyard pool. Among the many pieces of artwork on the walls is a signed photo of himself and Heat teammates LeBron James and Chris Bosh, which isn't far from a painting of Wade in his Marquette uniform.

Yet on the television, in a constant loop? Alvin and The Chipmunks.

"That's Zion," Wade said, just shaking his head and laugh-

ing as he reaches for the mute button on the remote.

The kids seem completely comfortable in their surroundings. Zaire answered the door for a visitor on Friday, hand outstretched with a big "How are you?" Zion nodded and waved, then went back to playing immediately, undeterred by the halfdozen or so adults milling about in the family kitchen. The adjustment of moving in with their dad has been relatively seamless.

Dwyane Wade is quick to point out that as a father, he's still learning many things and needs plenty of help—a nanny, his mother Jolinda, his sister Tragil and others—to make sure there's no missteps. But his efforts are getting noticed. Wade recently was honored by the National Fatherhood Initiative, for "his dedication to his two sons" given the demands of being a professional athlete and single father.

"He gives dads everywhere a great example," said NFI President Roland C. Warren.

In Wade's mind, one of the most interesting aspects of getting custody of his sons is that parts of their stories are incredibly similar to his own.

There are wild differences, of course: Instead of growing up in rundown apartments and always being broke in Chicago, Wade's sons are getting settled into posh new South Florida digs, with a dad who makes, by some estimates, around \$40 million annually.

Take all that away, and the fundamental roots are evident.

■ Dwyane Wade was 9 when he started living with his father after a divorce. Zaire is 9.

■ Dwyane was about 4 months old when his parents split up. Zion was about 4 months old when his parents split up.

"It's crazy when you think about it," Wade said.

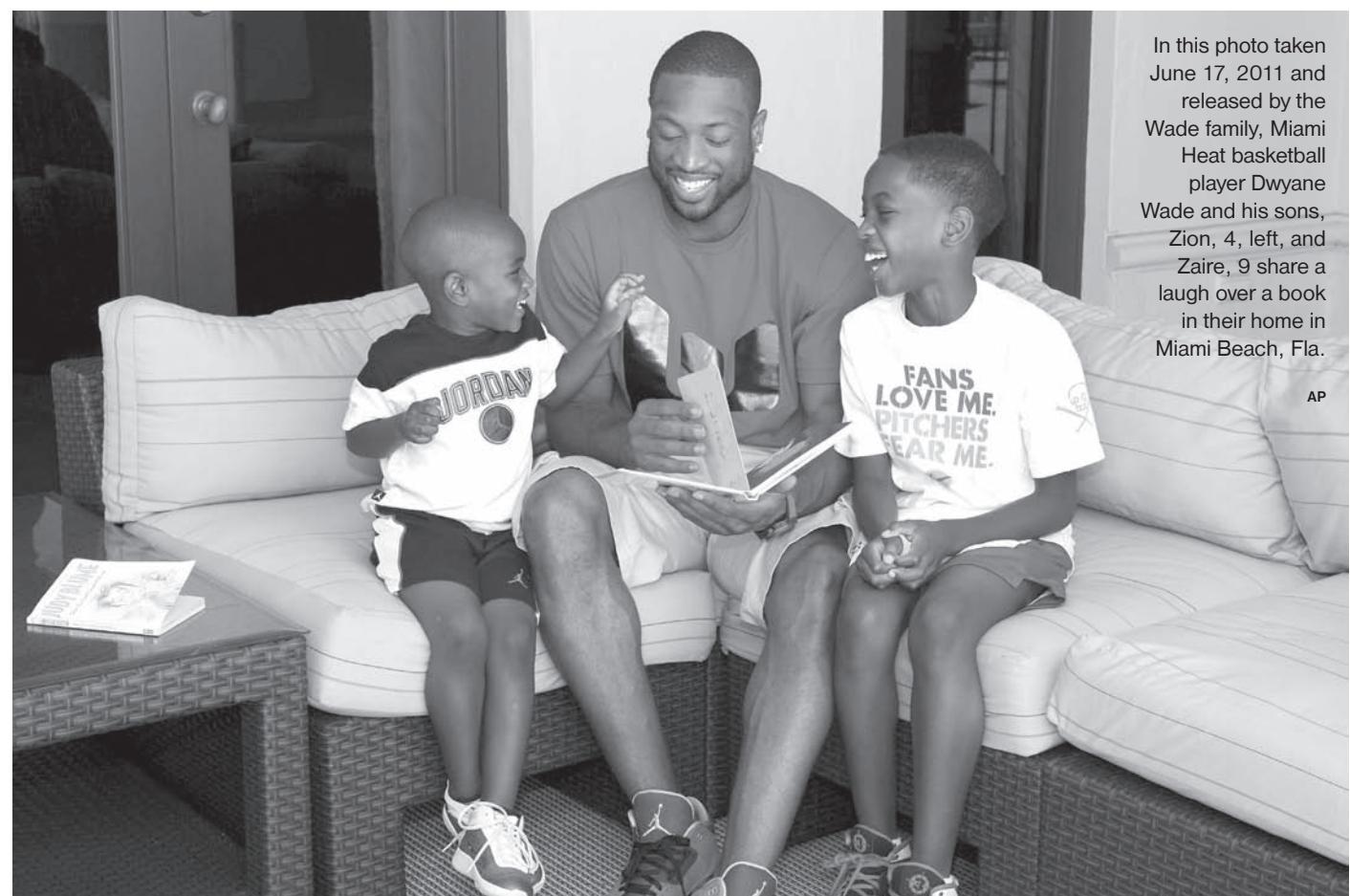
About five years ago, Wade was entering the realm of NBA superstardom after Miami won the 2006 title, with him the finals MVP. Around the same time, Wade and his father began mending their fences, after years of strained relations. His father remains largely out of the public eye, though he's been in Miami for much of the past half-decade.

Having his dad around, Wade said, is helping him be a better father for his own boys.

"A lot of things that happened in my life are some of the same steps that he went through," Wade said. "A lot of steps I've taken in my life are like my dad's, and I tried so hard not to be like him growing up."

The one thing Wade has learned since gaining custody: His kids really don't care if the Heat win or lose.

The day after Miami's season ended with the Game 6 loss in the finals to Dallas, Wade was ill and ailing. Everything ached, and he remained hidden from the world and in his bedroom until



nearly 6 p.m. Monday, one day after the loss to the Mavericks.

Then he heard the kids downstairs.

"Carrying on like nothing happened," Wade said. "So I got up. I went outside with them. Shot a few baskets. It still hurts. But I had to be out there for them."

His entire offseason is built around the kids' schedules. While he controls custody, part

of that court-ordered agreement stipulates that the boys will spend two weeks with their father, then two with their mother, and repeating until school resumes in late summer.

So during the times when Zaire and Zion are in Chicago, their father goes to work.

He leaves Sunday night for Europe, a trip built mainly around his interests in the fashion world. When the kids return in early

July, he'll host a basketball camp for kids in Miami for a few days. When the boys go back to Chicago later that month, Wade will depart on a nearly two-week trip to China for countless meetings involving his work with Jordan Brand, Gatorade, Hublot watches and other deals.

"There's a lot to do this summer, me trying to keep building my brand," Wade said. "We're using the time wisely. I'm doing it for them."

Wade pauses for a moment, listening to the chatter from the other room, where his kids are enthralled by a basketball video game—starring, of course, himself.

"You have a choice to make," Wade said. "You're either going to be in your kids' lives or not. At the end of the day, this is what I wanted. I chose to fight to be in my kids' lives."

Spanish guard Rubio will join Timberwolves



MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—When David Kahn drafted Ricky Rubio in 2009, he called the Spanish teenager "a virtuoso" and told Minnesota season-ticket holders that he would "be our starting point guard here the moment he walks through our front door."

Now that Rubio has finally committed to joining the Timberwolves, Kahn has changed his tune a bit.

Kahn, the team president, is trying to manage expectations for a player who will likely need time to adapt to a new culture and new style of play. At the same time, the business side of the woeful 'Wolves is trying to capitalize on a rare bit of good news.

Rubio officially announced in Barcelona on Friday that he would exercise a buyout of his contract and come to the NBA. A few hours later, Kahn tried to temper the soaring expectations from a fan base eagerly awaiting Rubio's arrival.

"I think it's very important, and you'll probably here me say this constantly starting today and then throughout the summer and maybe even into next fall, it's very important to me and I think for him to know

that we not start getting ahead of ourselves," Kahn said.

Rubio, he added, must be "allowed to break into the league just as any rookie would."

The Timberwolves drafted Rubio with the fifth overall pick in 2009, but an enormous buyout clause with his first Spanish pro team forced him to stay in Spain for two more years. After helping Barcelona to the Spanish ACB championship this week, he announced: "I have finally decided to start the journey" to the NBA.

"It is my dream and I want to fulfill it," Rubio said. "After thinking about it a lot, the time has arrived."

Not a moment too soon for the reeling Timberwolves, who have won just 32 games in the last two seasons and desperately need an injection of energy. It will come in the form of a slick-passing, floppy-haired point guard who is generating as much interest locally for the mystery that surrounds his game as anything else.

Kahn said Rubio is a little concerned that he is being viewed as a savior by fans, and his new boss may be partly to blame for that. Kahn wrote a letter to ticket holders two years ago saying that Rubio "has the chance to become one

of basketball's brightest stars."

"You've seen the highlights," Kahn wrote then, "he is like an orchestra conductor with the basketball."

On Friday, Kahn said that he wouldn't be the one to decide if Rubio started right away. That will be up to the coach.

"I don't know what his defined role will be next year," Kahn said. "But there's no question in my mind that he will play next year and he will play significant minutes."

Kahn lauded the support he received from Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, Rubio's agent Dan Fegan and the rest of the Timberwolves basketball staff—which includes assistant GM Tony Ronzone and scout Pete Philo, who both have deep ties in Europe—for helping to get the deal done.

"There will be expectations just because of who he is. He's a flashy kid," Ronzone said. "But we're not putting expectations on him. In fact, we want to lower them because anytime you come to the States it's going to be an adjustment."

"He's playing a position that has a lot of attention on him. He's got to handle the ball, make decisions all the time. We'll handle that as a staff and as an organization."

That doesn't mean the Wolves don't have high hopes for him. The franchise has struggled mightily to find a capable point guard ever since Sam Cassell was traded in 2005.

Since his debut with Jventus when he was 14, Rubio has won numerous titles in Europe. He also helped Spain reach the 2008 Olympic final, a loss to the United States.

"I think all that I have won here gives me strength to go," Rubio said.

But Rubio is coming off perhaps his most disappointing season. His scoring average dropped to 6.5 points and he even lost his starting spot with Barcelona. Rubio acknowledged his shortcomings.

"Individually, I could have done things better, but it is a team sport and we had success," Rubio said, adding he was not going to the NBA in an attempt to revive his game.

"I am going because I feel prepared," Rubio said. "I want to play against the best players in the world."

The Timberwolves believe that Rubio is better suited to the NBA than the European game, which is played on smaller courts and doesn't give guards as much room to operate on the perimeter.

MCILROY

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on Sunday.

McIlroy, the 22-year-old who can make golf look easy even in the toughest of circumstances, buried that Masters memory the way he buried his competition in a breathtaking performance filled with the promise of more majors to come.

"I felt like I got over the Masters pretty quickly. I kept telling you guys that, and I don't know if you believed me or not. But here you go," McIlroy said, gesturing to the shiny prize on the table. "Nice to prove some people wrong."

Four days of flawless golf finally ended when McIlroy polished off a 2-under 69 to shatter U.S. Open records that simply defy logic at the major known as the toughest test in golf.

The combined scores of the last 10 U.S. Open champions were 14-under par.

McIlroy was 16 under.

He finished eight shots ahead of Jason Day, whose score of 8-under 276 would have been enough to win 26 of the last 30 U.S. Opens.

"It's just phenomenal golf," Day said. "He lapped the field, and for such a young age, how mature he is. Golf right now is in

a really, really good spot where Rory McIlroy is right now."

McIlroy nearly holed an impossible putt from the front of the 18th green to within a foot, and it was then he finally saw his father. He smiled and shook a clenched fist, and after tapping in for par, walked off the green and into his arms.

"Happy Father's Day," McIlroy told him.

It was the second straight U.S. Open title for the tiny country of Northern Ireland, and defending champion Graeme McDowell walked back across the bridge to the 18th green to embrace the new winner.

"You're a legend," McDowell told him.

Not many would dispute that now, not after a week like this.

Golf had been looking for a star ever since Woods' personal life and formidable game spiraled out of control 18 months ago. This was supposed to be the "U.S. Wide Open" because parity had taken over.

McIlroy, who goes to No. 4 in the world, now stands above everyone going into the final two majors of the year.

"Nothing this kid does ever surprises me," McDowell said. "He's the best player I've ever seen. I didn't have a chance to play with Tiger when he was

in his real pomp, and this guy is the best I've ever seen. Simple as that. He's great for golf. He's a breath of fresh air for the game, and perhaps we're ready for golf's next superstar."

"And maybe," he said, "Rory is it."

This was more than just one major. It was the way McIlroy decimated the field with a golf swing so pure that he made had only four holes worse than par all week.

McIlroy finished at 268 to break the U.S. Open record by four shots. That record 12-under par by Woods at Pebble Beach? McIlroy matched it in the second round and kept right on rolling.

"I couldn't ask for much more, and I'm just so happy to be holding this trophy," McIlroy said. "I know how good Tiger was in 2000 to win by 15 in Pebble. I was trying to go out there and emulate him in some way. I played great for four days, and I couldn't be happier."

He even tried to be like Woods in the final round, showing no mercy on those chasing him.

McIlroy opened with an 8-foot birdie and never let anyone get closer to him the rest of the day. Even when he made his first bogey of the final round at No. 12 that trimmed his lead back to eight shots with six holes to play,

he wasn't happy. Woods kept his focus at Pebble Beach by trying not to drop a single shot. That's what the kid was trying to do.

"I was trying to go out and trying to make no mistakes, and really not give anyone a chance to catch me," McIlroy said.

When he arrived for his press conference, he took a picture of the silver U.S. Open trophy on the table and posted it on Twitter with two references that said it all: Winning. Bounceback.

"Going back to Augusta this year, I felt like that was a great opportunity to get my first major. It didn't quite work out," McIlroy said. "But to come back straightforward at the U.S. Open and win, that is nice. You can always call yourself a major champion, and hopefully after this, I can call myself a multiple major champion."

Since the Masters began in 1934, McIlroy is the second youngest major champion next to Woods.

Day, a 23-year-old from Australia, closed with a 68 and was runner-up for the second straight major. Unlike the Masters, however, Day didn't have a chance. No one did this week.

McIlroy opened with a three-shot lead, stretched it to six shots after 36 holes and eight shots going into the final round.

No one got any closer over the final 18 holes.

Tributes poured in throughout the steamy afternoon outside the nation's capital—first from the players he beat, then from Jack Nicklaus and ultimately from Woods.

"What a performance from start to finish," Woods said in a statement. "Enjoy the win. Well done."

Nicklaus invited McIlroy to lunch last year in Florida and talked to him about how to close out tournaments. He apparently wasn't listening when he took a four-shot lead into the final round of the Masters, only to implode on the back nine and shoot 80.

"I didn't think it was going to happen again, and it hasn't," Nicklaus said by telephone to NBC Sports. "I think this kid's going to have a great career. I don't think there's any question about it. He's got all the components. He's got a lot of people rooting for him. He's a nice kid. He's got a pleasant personality."

"He's humble when he needs to be humble, and he's confident when he needs to be confident."

Just think: If he had avoided the collapse at Augusta National, he could be headed to Royal St. George's for the British Open with the first two legs of the Grand Slam.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	43	28	.606	—
New York	41	29	.586	1 1/2
Tampa Bay	39	33	.542	4 1/2
Toronto	36	36	.500	7 1/2
Baltimore	32	37	.464	10

Central Division

Cleveland	39	31	.557	—
Detroit	39	33	.542	1
Chicago	35	38	.479	5 1/2
Minnesota	31	39	.443	8
Kansas City	31	41	.431	9

West Division

Texas	38	35	.521	—
Seattle	37	35	.514	1/2
Los Angeles	35	38	.479	3
Oakland	33	40	.452	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	45	28	.616	—
Atlanta	40	33	.548	5
New York	35	37	.486	9 1/2
Washington	35	37	.486	9 1/2
Florida	32	40	.444	12 1/2

Central Division

Milwaukee	40	33	.548	—
St. Louis	40	33	.548	—
Cincinnati	38	35	.521	2
Pittsburgh	35	36	.493	4
Chicago	29	42	.408	10
Houston	27	46	.370	13

West Division

San Francisco	39	33	.542	—
Arizona	39	34	.534	1/2
Colorado	35	36	.493	3 1/2
Los Angeles	32	41	.438	7 1/2
San Diego	30	43	.411	9 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Cleveland 5, Pittsburgh 2, 11 innnings
L.A. Angels 7, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 2, Toronto 1
Baltimore 7, Washington 4
Boston 12, Milwaukee 3
Atlanta 4, Texas 2
Tampa Bay 2, Florida 1
Minnesota 5, San Diego 4
St. Louis 5, Kansas City 4
Detroit 9, Colorado 1
Oakland 2, San Francisco 1
Chicago White Sox 8, Arizona 2
Seattle 2, Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Yankees 10, Chicago Cubs 4

U.S. OPEN SCORES

Bethesda, Maryland (AP) — Scores Sunday after the final round of the \$8 million U.S. Open at the 7,574-yard, par-71 Congressional Country Club (Blue Course):

FINAL ROUND

(a-amateur)

Rory McIlroy, \$1,440,000	65-66-68-69—268
Jason Day, \$965,000	71-72-65-68—276
Kevin Chappell, \$364,241	76-67-69-66—278
Robert Garrigus, \$364,241	70-70-68-70—278
Lee Westwood, \$364,241	75-68-65-70—278
Y.E. Yang, \$364,241	68-69-70-71—278
Peter Hanson, \$228,416	72-71-69-67—279
Sergio Garcia, \$228,416	69-71-69-70—279
Charl Schwartzel, \$192,962	68-74-67-66—280
Louis Oosthuizen, \$192,962	69-73-71-67—280
Brandt Snedeker, \$163,083	70-70-72-69—281
Heath Slocum, \$163,083	71-70-70-70—281
Davis Love III, \$163,083	70-71-70-70—281
Graeme McDowell, \$129,517	70-74-69-69—282
Webb Simpson, \$129,517	75-71-66-70—282
Bo Van Pelt, \$129,517	76-67-68-71—282
Matt Kuchar, \$129,517	72-68-69-73—282
Fredrik Jacobson, \$129,517	74-69-66-73—282
Johan Edfor, \$105,905	70-72-74-67—283
Steve Stricker, \$105,905	75-69-69-70—283
Ryan Palmer, \$97,242	

Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong Clinic

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Players chase the ball during a scrimmage.



Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Leslie George Santos plays in a scrimmage against female strikers.



U18 players listen to tips from Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) officials.



Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) head coach Kwok On "David" Tsui gives instructions to male strikers after a scrimmage.



Chelsea FC Soccer School's Kwok On "David" Tsui, center, and Leslie George Santos, left, and a Tan Holdings striker demonstrate a drill for goalies.



Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) technical director Leslie George Santos, right, gives pointers to Tan Holdings coach Jershwin Angeles during a clinic at the Oleai Sports Complex Field early this month.



U18 players participate in drills conducted by Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) officials.



Chelsea FC Soccer School's Kwok On "David" Tsui and Leslie George Santos show youth players some dribbling techniques.



Tan Holdings' Robert Ong, right, dribbles against his defender.



Chelsea FC Soccer School (Hong Kong) head coach Kwok On "David" Tsui demonstrates stretching drills.



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McIlroy buries Masters meltdown and wins US Open

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BETHESDA, Md. (AP)—The proof of Rory McIlroy's remarkable resiliency was the silver trophy at his side and the pages of a record book that he changed during four mind-boggling days at the U.S. Open.

For his father, it was a phone call right after a most crushing collapse at Augusta National two months ago.



Poised to fulfill his potential and become the youngest Masters champion since Tiger Woods, McIlroy shot 80 in a final round that was painful to watch. Gerry McIlroy, who worked three jobs so his son could pursue his passion, was home in Northern Ireland when the phone rang some 20 minutes after it was over.

"I said, 'Rory, are you OK, son?' Because you always fear for your kids," the father said Sunday. "And he says, 'Dad, um, I have no problem with it at all. I hit a few bad shots. And if you play golf, then you'll understand that.'"

The father had his country's flag draped over a green shirt during a momentous celebration at Congressional

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Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, poses with the trophy after winning the U.S. Open Championship golf tournament in Bethesda, Md., Sunday, June 19, 2011.

AP

46 join Saipan Flipper Race

Calms seas and crystal clear waters provided the perfect setting for 46 competitors in the 3rd Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament, held last Saturday around Managaha Island.

The event attracted 29 competitors from Japan, many of whom traveled to the CNMI with friends and family for the event.

Sixteen competitors from Saipan, mostly youth, also joined the event, and captured many of the top slots in the various divisions.

Finishing first for the males was teenager Kensuke Kimura of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan (21:29), with Daisuke Akama of Japan close on his heels (21:37). Rounding out the Top 3 slots was Kaisei Toda, also of Tsunami Saipan (24:45).

Finishing first for the females was Angel Tan of Tsunami Saipan (24:56), with Tomie Kunimoto of Japan (28:17) edging out Tan's teammate Angel De Jesus (28:39) for second place.

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Forty-six competitors from Japan, Saipan, and the U.S. joined the 3rd Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament around the Managaha Island on Saturday.



WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Marians Elite's Vince Pua, in black trunks, fights off a takedown attempt by Team Chaos' Joy "2-Negif" Fred in Trench Warz 14: Ground Zero last Friday at Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom.

Two amateur fighters elevated to pro level

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U n d e -
feated Pua notched his third win in a row after besting Team Chaos' Joy "2-Negif" Fred (2-1) via TKO at 1:27 of the first round.

Pua slipped out of the gate, setting
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Two in a row for McKenzie



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Talavera

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Youth kegler Marion McKenzie started his own streak in the SBA/ Fiji Water Prince of the Lanes after ruling the June roll-off last Sunday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

McKenzie, who snapped M.J. Aldan's four straight victory after winning the May roll-off, made it back-to-back, following a three-game total of 706 pinfalls. He was the lone youth bowler in the field of five to score at least 700 pinfalls in the weekend roll-off, as eventual runner-up Leeanne Yarobwemal mustered only 693 pin-

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